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FOREWARD 30-04-2018

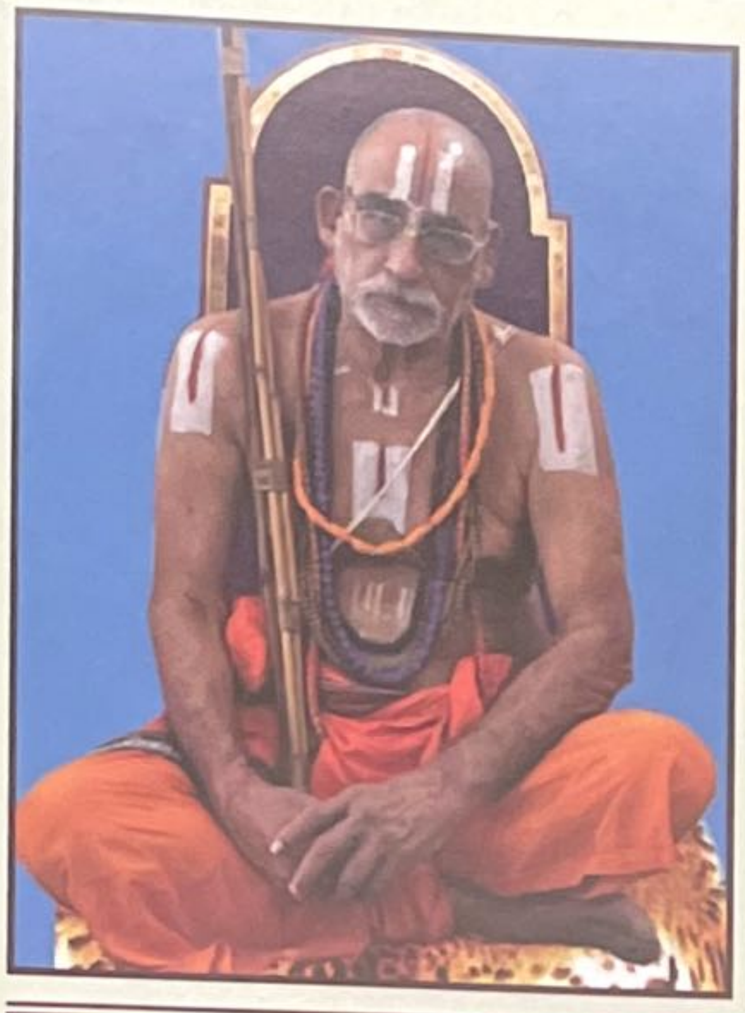
Sri. T. S. Ramaswamy, a senior Advocate of the Madras BAR is well-known to me. He has been a member of the Madras Bar Association and was the Secretary for three years during 1975-78 when Sri. C.R. Pattabiraman was the President and I have been a member of the Association for many years.

Sri. TSR has appeared in many Civil cases, Writ petitions and Criminal cases. To state a few, he appeared in the famous Sathyamurthi Bhavan case for the Congress party and for many other cases of the party. He also appeared in many Service Writ petitions for Railway, Postal and other Unions. When Sri. M.G.R. was the Chief Minister, he was the Govt. Counsel in the Justice W.S. Krishnasami Naidu Commission of Enquiry for four years. Besides, he is a Doctorate in Vaishnavism and has written several books and also delivered about 500 lectures. The English books – Judicial solutions for Temple Disputes and Your God My God-Journey of the Quivering Heart- have become very popular. Sri. TSR is also a well-known short story writer and playwright. He was also running a Cricket Academy for about 25 years.

I have known him as a simple and straightforward man . He was President of the Probus club, Chennai, during 2014-16. The biography on him, now released, is a short memento of some vital facts and Incidents in his life.

A simple perusal of the various topics in the present work clearly demonstrates the sincerity and commitment and the vast knowledge he has acquired as an eminent Legal practitioner. The dedication and zeal shown by him will make readers in our country and abroad feel at home and to provide clarity on different subjects. In short, this book on the biography of Sri. T.S. Ramaswamy will be of immense help to one and all. May God bless him with many more years of hard work and service to society.

Dr Justice AR. Lakshmanan



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வாழ்த்துரை

அறிவு என்பது வேதம். வேதம் நீதியோடு சேர்ந்தது உடலும் உயிரும் இணைந்திருப்பது போல. ஒருவன் இதன் நெறி முறைகளை பின்பற்றுவானெனில் அவன் வாழ்வு ஒளிரும்.

ஆன்மீக வாதிகளே அறநெறியை பரப்புபவர்கள் அவர்களுக்கே இறைவன் அருள் புரிகின்றான். ஆன்மீகம் அடிப்படையில் அன்பு செய்தல் வேண்டும். அன்பு இல்லாமல் அறிவு பயன்படாது. அன்பு தான் நீதியின் அடிப்படை. அறிவு அன்பு அறம் ஆன்மீகம் இதில் ஆன்மீகம் தான் வேண்டும். அத்தகைய உயர்ந்த உள்ளத்தை உடைய நீதிமான் தான் என் நீண்ட கால நண்பரும் ஆன்மீக வாதியுமான திரு T.S. ராமசாமி வழக்கறிஞர். நான் அவரைப் பற்றியும் அவர் வைணவ மதத்தின் பால் கொண்ட ஈடுபாடும் பற்றும், தன்சமய சீர்திருத்த கருத்துக்களை நான் பல முறை மேடையிலும் என்னுடைய நூல்களிலும் குறிப்பிட்டுள்ளேன். என் வாழ்க்கையில் மறக்க முடியாத நிகழ்வுகளுக்கு நீதிமானாக இருந்து பல வழிவகைகளை வகுத்துக் காட்டியவர். அவர் வைணவத்தின் மீது கொண்ட பற்றினால் என் திருமால் பத்திரிக்கைக்கு ஆசிரியராக வர வேண்டும் என்று அழைத்த பொழுது அவர் உடனே எனக்கு சரி என விடையளித்தார். அப்பொழுது இருந்த காலத்தில் இரு பிரிவுகளுக்கிடையில் ஏற்பட்ட மனக்கசப்பை தன்னுடைய நூல் “Judicial Solutions for Temle Disputes” என்ற நூலின் வாயிலாக அருமையாக விளக்கி மனக்கசப்பையை போக்கி எனக்கும் அந்த வகையில் உள்ள மனச்சங்கடங்களை களைந்தெறிந்தார். அது மறக்க முடியாத ஒரு தருணம். அது போல 2001–ம் ஆண்டு அவர் யதிசம்மேளம் நடத்தி உபயகலைகள் ஜீயர் ஸ்வாமிகளை சேர ஒரே மேடையில் அமர்த்தி பெரிய விழிப்புணர்வை ஏற்படுத்தியது யாரும் மறக்க முடியாத சம்பவம். திரு T.S. ராமசாமி அவர்கள் நீதித்துறை எடுத்து கொண்டு நீதித் துறையின் மூலம் பல பிரச்சனைகளை தீர்த்தவர். நான் ஆன்மீக நெறியில் ஆன்மீகத் தொண்டை மேற்கொண்டேன். இரண்டும் வைணவத்திற்கு தேவையானவை. திரு T.S. ராமசாமி அவர்கள் அளித்த ஊக்கத்தையும் தொண்டையும் என் நூல்களில் எழுதியுள்ளேன்.

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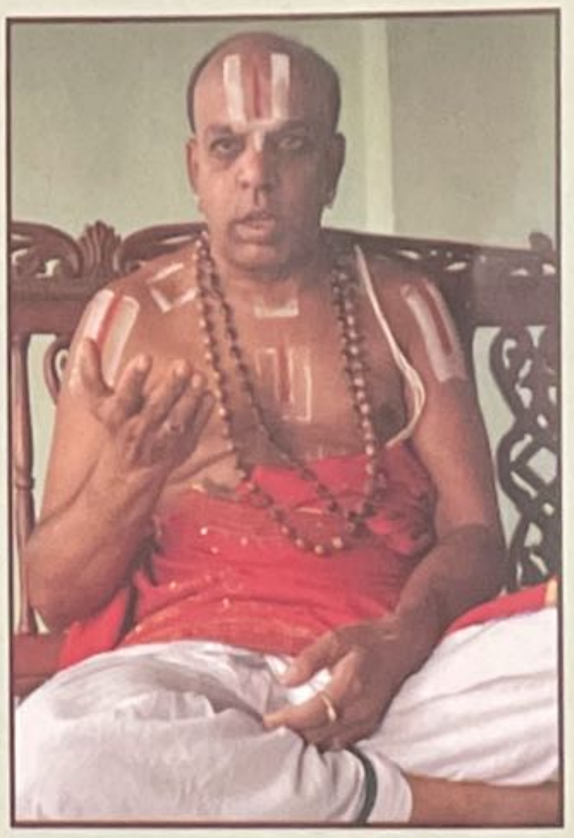

அடியேனுடைய கெழுதகை நண்பர், வழக்கறிஞர் முனைவர் டி.எஸ்.ராமஸ்வாமி அவர்களின் வாழ்க்கைச் சரிதத்தைப் பற்றிய நூல் வெளிவருவது குறித்து மிகுந்த மகிழ்ச்சியைத் தெரிவித்துக் கொள்கிறேன். ஏறக்குறைய நாற்பதாண்டு காலமாக அடியேனை அவர் அறிவார். சிறு வயதிலேயே அடியேனைப் பல உபந்யாஸங்கள் சொல்லச் செய்து ஊக்குவித்துள்ளார். 'படிப்பதற்கு வயது தடையல்ல' என்ற குறிக்கோளுடன், தமது வயது முதிர்ந்த காலத்திலும் சென்னைப் பல்கலைக் கழகத்தில் முதுகலை (எம்.ஏ) வைணவப்படிப்பில் சேர்ந்து அயராது படித்து பட்டம் பெற்றார். தொடர்ந்து அடியேனுடைய வழிகாட்டுதலில் முனைவர் (பிஎச்.டி) பட்டமும் பெற்றார். பல்லாண்டுகளாகவே வைணவத்திற்காக அயராது உழைத்து வருகின்ற ஸ்ரீராமஸ்வாமி அவர்களின் வாழ்க்கை வரலாறு எதிர்கால சந்ததியினருக்குச் சிறந்த வழிகாட்டியாக அமையும் என்பதில் எந்த ஐயமும் இல்லை. அப்படிப்பட்ட நூல் வெளியீட்டை வாழ்த்துவதில் மிக்க மகிழ்ச்சி அடைகிறேன்.

அன்பரடிப்பொடி,

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(ம.அ.வேங்கடக்ருஷ்ணன்)

V.P. Srinivasa Varadhan Swami

TSR – AS I KNOW HIM

In the creation of God all are not equal in the matter of learning and being useful to other fellow beings. This is a well known fact. Among the few chosen by Lord to bestow his grace rarely they are properly understood and revered during their life-time. As an exception, Dr.T.S.Ramaswamy, Advocate has been amply rewarded by Almighty in every respect.

His education, training under elders, exposure to the sampradya works, interest in writing, acting, sports and above all in public service through, Lions Club, Probas Club are well arranged and benefitted him in achieving better level. The sincerity with which he approached the issues and give solution is something to be noted. He excelled in every field and set up as a model for emulation.

Among his contributions by way of books, the following titles are outstanding and are being used in the respective fields:

1. Your God My God, 2. Temple Disputes and Solutions, 3. Moksha Dharmam, 4. Differences between : "Will" and "Settlement"

He used to appreciate Baghavat Ramanuja as one preceptor who had followed the following steps in his life time:

1. Learning, 2. Practising, 3. Teaching, 4. Reforming

They are not mere utterances. These stages have been followed by him in his own life and he showed concern for others in all his works.

The style in which he gave series of lectures under the Title "Thiruvoimozhi for beginners" is totally different from the style followed by the great Acharyas and several commentators. For those who have desire to learn, his speech spread over two year period, which is available in the 'U' Tube is a boom. The present modern environment where there is neither opportunity nor leisure to sit before an Acharyan for learning the texts, his speech will be helpful. This kind of contribution to the society is commended.

I am related to him. I had the opportunity to be benefitted by his actions and works. I also watched his progress during the last five decades. He is one of the rare persons to come across in life. He has been endowed with all material as well as spiritual achievements. May Lord Parthasarathy bless him and his family members (who are a great support to hm) all the best and more and more service to humanity

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CHAPTER 1.0

PREAMBLE AND PURPOSE OF BIOGRAPHY

1.1 The preamble

The biographer, Dr. P.S. Srinivasan, has had the good fortune of moving closely with Dr. T.S. Ramaswamy, Sr. Advocate, High court, Chennai for the past 10 years and has been impressed by his unique qualities of head and heart and knowledge. The biographer has been requesting him to come out with a version of autobiography. However, Ram told him that he declined a similar request from a reputed journal to write his autobiography as a serial at an earlier period. Hence, biography constructed out of the notes and oral recollections from Ram, have been suggested as an alternative. However, TSR was not in favour of this idea also for personal reasons. Only after repeated insistence in pointing out that the biography will be useful for information and inspiration for his grandchildren, kith and kin, youngsters and grown-ups that he agreed to the publication of this biography.

1.2 Purpose of this biography:

Innumerable biographies have been penned down, published and passed on to the peers and posterity. Among the staggering matrix of such collections, this is a unique attempt to prove to the world at large that an ordinary simple life could bring about an extraordinary impact on a limited population of the elite and the commoners, by being alive to one's personality and role in personal life and society and the professional life. The symphony of the essence of awareness and application of human resource as personality has been encapsulated in the sequence of events described in the ensuing pages.

Human nature is full of boundless possibilities, the promise more than the performance, the outline more than the picture. This is because of the gap between thought and action. Closer they are brought about, better is the efficacy of an individual in expressing himself.

However, the present biography is exceptional in the sense that it will bear ample testimony to the exploration of myriad contours of self for the benefit of the family, the society and the nation. Thus it is intended to be a sample of more of a revelation than of publicity, a concept of integration of latent and patent hues of human self in retention, expression and sublimation. The readers are given the opportunity to a realistic possibility of life in a beatific combination of what is and what would be.

Pure consciousness, the storehouse of knowledge, is revealed through masterminds to the humanity at large. The accumulated treasure of literature is vast and prodigious. The hero of this biography has attempted to the best of his ability to unravel different aspects of human life for the benefit of the society around him.

Every biography becomes obsolescent with efflux of time, but the essence of philosophy followed by TSR in his life remains at once afresh, as the details are relegated to the background, but not the central doctrine, purity in thought, word and deed as illustrated by the following quotes:

"Life of my life, I shall ever try to keep my body pure, knowing that thy living touch is upon all my limbs.

I shall ever try to keep all untruths out from my thoughts, knowing that thou art that truth which has kindled the light of reason in my mind.

I shall ever try to drive all evils away from my heart and keep my love in flower, knowing that thou hast thy seat in the inmost shrine of my heart.

And it shall be my endeavour to reveal thee in my actions, knowing it is thy power gives me strength to act."

- Rabindranath Tagore

"Sow a thought, reap an act", "Sow an act, reap a habit, "Sow a habit, reap a character, "Sow a character, reap a destiny"

- Emerson, R.W.

"All the world's a stage,
And all the men and women merely players:
They have their exits and their entrances;
And one man in his time plays many parts."

- Shakespeare

Here comes TSR !

At once Robust and Afresh !

To illustrate the above in letter and spirit

CHAPTER 2.0

THE SILVER PHASE

2.1 THE CHILDHOOD EVENTS AT Pazhayanur; Thinnalur; Tindivanam

Thinnalur Satakopan Ramaswamy alias Ram was born in Pazhayanur, Kanchipuram dist on Saturday, 20th June, 1931 at 1 pm to Smt. Kamalammal and Sri P.T. Satakopachari, a lawyer at Tindivanam, to elaborate the great Asuri clan of his father and forefathers, descendants of Asuri Sri Ramanuja, Srivaishnava Acharya par excellence, like the dew that falls in the morning, unseen and unnoticed, yet bringing into bloom, the fairest of roses. The fairness, the beauty, the fragrance as well as thorns constitute the sum and substance of what follows.

His father was practising at Tindivanam. Kamalammal's father was Mr.P.Tiruvenkachari, an agriculturist and landlord, who served as village municiff at Pazhayanur. He was known to arbitrate and settle local issues amicably.

The sister of Ram's grandfather, Mrs.Ponnachi, a childhood widow, made an indelible impression on his mind among his relatives in view of her prodigious and dedicated service to kith and kin and the society at large as a midwife and a social activist till 90 years of her age, a symbol of self-abnegation and humility, as one to have impacted the lives of several persons in her vicinity.

Ram's paternal grandfather, T. Tiruvenkatachari owned and managed at Thinnalur village, a vast agricultural land growing paddy abutting a huge mango grove with his four brothers and other relatives residing in 8 homes situated in the same street, 4 each, in a row.

Ram's mother's village Pazhayanur was a feast to the eyes with sylvan surroundings of river, mango grove and vast green paddy fields . This had a salubrious influence on the life of young children residing in the village and no wonder Ram's childhood sensibilities effloresced with abundant support from nature. During the later part of life, his holidaying during winter and summer vacation of his school at Tindivanam reinforced the happy childhood environment.

Pazhayanur:

A group of young boys and girls aged 7-12 embarked on a spate of community sports and merry-making in the Palar river waters akin to enjoying and swimming and playing in the seashore. A girl in the group, on one such occasion, lost her

gold ear ring in the river water. Search by fellow-mates was a failure. However, one Mr. Babji, a devotee of Malaivaiyavur temple deity Sri.Srinivasa Perumal, offered to locate the ring, prayed loudly and did locate the ring sunk in the river bed, much to the surprise of those who had gathered there. While Ram and his few friends agreed on the idea of grace of perumal that enabled him to locate the ring, the boys with a rational bent of mind ascribed it to a mere chance. Egged on by this satire and punch on his faith, Babji challenged them that he would throw again the ring into the river and locate once again. So saying he threw the ring back into the river water, prayed and prayed and tried several hours to locate the ring but in vain! This was interpreted by Ram and his bosom friends as due to Babji's attempt to verify and test God's grace, instead of relying on nirhetuka kataksham.

Another memorable event of Ram and his friends was the daily trip of one Monthri Satakopan, a devout priest, with "Ven Pongal" made in ghee atop his head in a vessel that wafted across the flavour, a sensual challenge for youngsters nearby to take head-on and follow him up to the temple and participate in the group prayer, bhajans and enjoy the prasadam to heart's content, a positive aspect of Vaishnava temples in Tamilnadu that motivates the devotees to stay and partake of temple prasadam. This regular feature instilled in Ram unshakable faith in Archavatara darshan and importance in Srivaishnavism.

Another equally important memorable event in Ram's early life is the bare-footed trek along the rugged path of the hills of Malaivaiyavur from the base to the top of hill along with prasadam, fruits and other offerings, engaging a bullock cart from home to the base of hills. This experience combined the essence of religious pursuits as well as social picnic to a hill spot in a convivial gathering of peers and elders, esp. during major vacations of the school.

Nawab of Vellore gifts "Sirukundram" village !

Thinnalur is the native village of Ram's paternal lineage. His grandfather, T. Tiruvenkatachari was a landlord and agriculturist, owning a large mango grove situated in a tiny hamlet, called Sirukundram about three km from Thinnalur. His forefathers sent a cartload of sweet mangoes from the grove to the Nawab of Vellore and his families every year. The Nawab was so impressed by the kind act that he offered the entire village as gift to Ram's forefathers. In later years, the village became Tamilnadu Government property after independence, under the provisions of Inaam Abolition act. An amount of Rs 200 was the share of Ram's grandfather, received as compensation from the Govt. in lieu of the village!

Thinnalur:

Ram's paternal families lived in eight houses, four in each row, facing each other at Thinnalur. At the end of the street was a very big well with steps to access the surface water for bathing, swimming activities, full of fishes and water snakes. Ram learnt swimming as early as 10 and learnt to read at the small community library with a collection of about 100 books. His knowledge thus gained enabled him to plan and execute street dramas with his companions. The latent dramatist became patent in him at an early age.

Smt. Kamalammal, Sri Satakopachari & Family

Grace of Perarulalan- The Devaraja Perumal Temple :

The most memorable and significant event that left an indelible impression of faith in Ram's mind relates to his grandfather T. Tiruvenkatachari's tenacious pursuit of locating "utsava" idol corresponding to "moolava" perumal found accidentally while tilling his agricultural land. Prompted by a dream, his grandfather proceeded on foot and covered a distance of about 400 miles to Srivaikuntam, Tirunelveli Dist,

to get utsava vigraha. He carried the utsava idol on his head, back to native village and built a perumal temple with "Moolava and utsava" vigrahas duly consecrated and archanas organized as per agama sastra. He also donated land for the temple maintenance and pooja. To-date the temple with Devaraja Perumal Sannadhi is well maintained by a committee with T.A. Jagannathan as the coordinator under the guidance of Ram for festival activities for a week per annum.

- ***Tindivanam :***

Ram's father Sri. P. T.Satakopachari, a B.A. graduate in history from Madras Christian college, Chennai was the first graduate from his native village. His own house at Veppan salai street, Tindivanam became the centre of legal, religious and secular activities. Ram, being the eldest son, had the enviable opportunity of enriching his sensibilities accordingly, belonging to a later generation. Ram studied in American Arcot Mission Higher secondary school, Tindivanam upto S.S.L.C.. His class teacher Mr. Sarangapani Iyengar and Headmaster Selvanathan John were the most favourite teachers, cherished as mentors in Ram's life. His headmaster recognized his talents, allowed his high percentage in half-yearly examination as criteria for exempting him from underage restriction for SSLC final examination. He was nicknamed "Mounasami" by his teachers as he rarely interacted with his

classmates and was almost taciturn but observant of surroundings which helped him to develop his personality based on the input he gained from the society around him from time to time. Ram was firmly convinced that he should enjoy every moment of his life and abhorred aberration of mental and physical faculties in unproductive chit-chat and vagabond activities.

Ram's father, Sri P.T. Satakopachari was a very religious personality, a gentleman and a relaxed person, practising as a lawyer. He, at the age of 14 years, married Kamalammal aged 8 years at a small house in Pazhayanur in a simple function. Ram's mother Kamalammal had always been an embodiment of hard work, love and affection for husband and eight children throughout her life.

Ram receives Mahatma Gandhi's Blessings!

When Ram was 12 yr old, doing IV form, he along with his classmates had the opportunity of seeing Mahatma Gandhi who landed in Tindivanam station for a brief stop-over in 1943. Ram took the blessings of the Mahatma by falling prostrate at his feet. As Mahatma Gandhi was under the vow of silence, there was no formal speech to the students. However, this personal experience reinforced Ram's abiding love for truth and ahimsa and faith in the Indian National Congress in the struggle for freedom of India, further fueled by association with his father's clerk who was a staunch activist in the congress.

Smt. Kamalammal Sri Satakopachari Sadhabishekam

Another event recalled by Ram is the accident of Kutti Chithiya who was adamant in sleeping on the ground floor near the pile of firewood at the extreme end of the backyard of the house, in spite of pleading by Ram, to sleep inside the house. A little past midnight, was heard a loud crash, that jolted the family members inside the house who rushed to see, much to their discomfort, that his Kutti Chithia was buried under the pile of fire wood, moaning under its weight. He was extricated carefully, given first aid and treated subsequently. Ram remembers this as an avoidable accident but for the obstinacy of Kutty Chithya and that obduracy doesn't help in life under any circumstances.

Though contemplative and taciturn by nature, Ram loved being challenged and emerging successful in meeting the challenges. Two such instances of his boyhood are worthy of mention.

1. Ram was faring poor in history examinations. His classmates and teachers challenged him that he would not succeed in mastering the history subject. Ram took up the challenge, burnt midnight oil and strained his every nerve to get by heart milestones in history and came out with flying colours and stood first in the subsequent examination. This surprised teachers as well as students .

2.The second instance, a more daring one, was Ram's visit to Gori (burial ground of muslims) about 500 meters away from his home at midnight in response to the challenge from his friends for the fear of ghost and evil spirits. Ram laughed at their idea and went ahead with two torches in his hand and waved one of the torch lights to his friends on the terrace of his house, to demonstrate his presence inside the ghat. Ram demonstrated "That seeing is believing" as the bedrock of rationality and proved his scientific spirit and blew off the lid of superstitions entertained by his friends.

2.2 Collegiate phase : 1946-53

Soon after school final, Ram got admitted into Intermediate course, a pre-degree two year course, prior to admission into graduate degree course in Annamalai university, Chidambaram, Tamilnadu with mathematics, physics and chemistry, a formidable combination that prepares a student to major in any one of the subjects and gives ample choice to choose the subject of his passion that will evolve into either a pure science specialization or a technical course requiring the background of all the three subjects in varying degrees. As Ram nurtured the dream of becoming an engineer, chemical, mechanical or electrical or civil as per the developmental track record of academic excellence and evolving aptitude, this choice proved appropriate. In the same year, his maternal uncle Mr. P.T. Srinivasan, who after school studies and brief employment got enrolled as a student for a two year licentiate course in civil engineering in the same university.

2.3 Uncle as Mentor and Hero in Ram's life :

Few and far between are the fortunate few to enjoy the luxury of love and care by another individual other than the parents. Mr. Ram has been one among them and more so at the formative phase of youth and early married life.

Mr P T Srinivasan, his maternal uncle, had always been a source of inspiration for Ram in his early life, in particular his aptitude for hard work, that his conviction that knowledge is power as well as pleasure; work is worship; talk less and work more; learn by self etc. impressed Ram so much that these sterling qualities of head and heart became the guiding principles of his personal and professional life. Thus the self-made person that his uncle was, later an employee of Burma-Shell company, proved a blessing for Ram to bank on his support during higher studies, apprenticeship and early married life. The association with a multi-faceted, self-made personality mirrored in Rams life right through and effloresced, thanks to the divine will that lay in store for more surprises for Ram to swallow and accept. His uncle, who was the third person next to parents for Ram, lived up to ripe old age of 84 yrs, survived by his wife Mrs. Rajalakshmi alias Saroji ,extending support to kith and kin with a smiling face. Saroji lives in Chennai and still showers her mother-like care and affection for Ram with an equally overwhelming affection and love from his sisters, Lalli and Chella. The following lines of Sir William Wallace of Scotland are illustrative of his uncle's personality.

"When I was a boy, the priest, my uncle, carefully inculcated upon me this proverb, which I then learned and have ever since kept in my mind: 'Dico tibi verum, Libertas optima rerum; Nunquam servili, sub nexu vivito, fili.' 'I tell you a truth: Liberty is the best of things, my son; never live under any slavish bond.' "

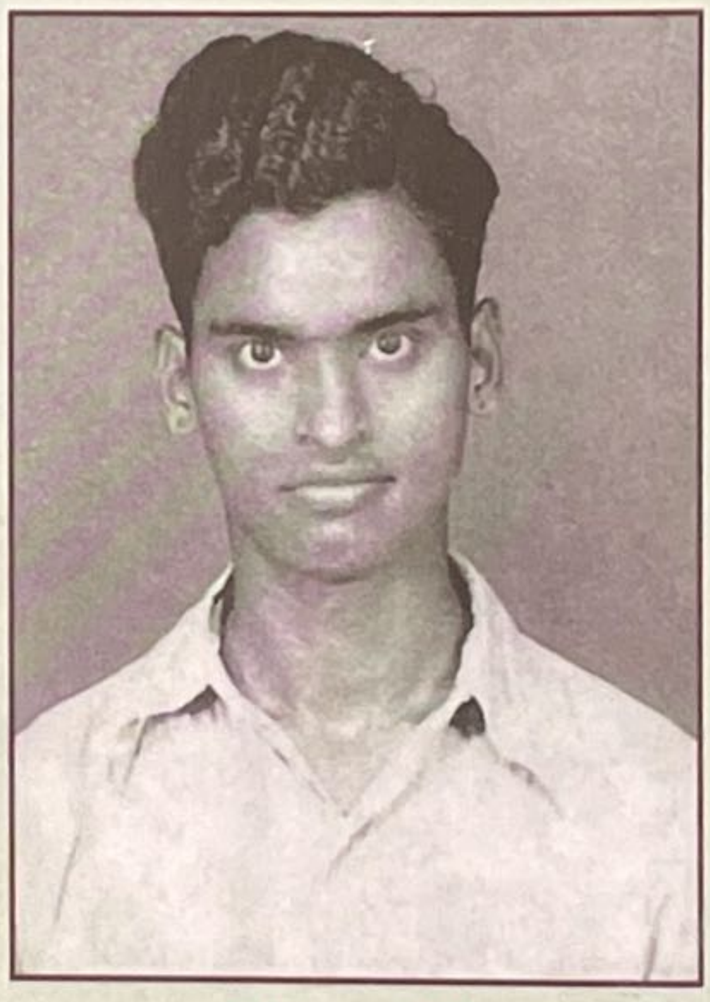
Ram mourns martyr Mahatma Gandhi !

Ram took active part in sports activities apart from academic pursuits. During his studies at Annamalai univ. Football and Tennicoyt were his favourite games. During this period, he came in contact with Sri.Neduncheyian and Sri.Mathiazhagan, members of Dravida Kazhagam(DK). On Jan 30, 1948, Mahatma Gandhi was assassinated by Nathuram Godse in a public meeting and the news came as a rude shock, sending Ram into tears, as he was emotionally attached to Mahatma Gandhi

for his love for truth and the sacrifice of the Father of Nation for the freedom of India. He paid homage to the great soul by fasting until the cremation on 31st Jan 1948.

Ram did B.A.pure mathematics in MadrasChristianCollege, Chennai. Principal Dr Boyd, a native of Scotland UK and Dr. Kibble, HOD, mathematics were revered by him to utmost degree. He took active part in Cricket and NCC activities. Test match players Gopinath and Kannayiram were his captains who whetted his interest in the game and trained him to ultimately graduate into a cricket coach. His enthusiastic participation in NCC with active role in four NCC camps including rifle- shooting in which he excelled co-participants, proving his concentration of faculties.

Ram enrolled himself as a student in Madras Law college for bachelor of Law degree in 1951. Sri. M M Ismail, who later became a judge of the High court, was one of the faculty members and a very strict teacher, a lover of Kamba Ramayana and a vegetarian. However, his pedantic attitude was not to the liking of students who did not give him a farewell nor the lawyers who served in high court during his service.



Ram at 21

Nostalgic memories of Ram about his schoolmates and collegemates are legion, a few of them being Sundararajan, a schoolmate, two Natarajans of Annamalai University and Madras Christian college and in later days, Mr. Sathiyamoorthi in Law college Chennai, Mrs. Padma Sudarshan in Madras University MA Vaishnavism course. Likewise, he remembers two Tamil pundits Thiru Palanisami Sivachar(school) and Thiru Gopala Iyer (Madras Christian college). Of course, there are many others still remembered by Ram.

Ram meets Playback singer, Tiruchi Loganathan !

During this period, Tiruchi Loganathan, a famous playback singer of Tamil cinema, was invited to be the chief guest of a function in law college. On request by the students, he sang a song “varaai nee varaai” from the famous movie “Manthirikumari” but, to the surprise of listeners, in both female and male voice alternately as per the recorded song. At the end of the song, he expressed his desire to become a hero in movies which was jeered at by students seeing his physical frame and face, not foreseeing the galloping trends in make-up technology that would transform the ugly into the acceptable.

CHAPTER 3.0

THE GOLDEN PHASE

3.1 Work-life Phase1953-56 : Ram emerges as school teacher !

Soon after the BL degree, Ram spent his time with his parents at Tindivanam when he was persuaded by his alumnus school Headmaster Selvanathan John to join the school faculty as untrained English and Mathematics teacher, thus putting the Law apprenticeship into incubation. Because of his love for Mathematics and flair for the English language, he took to teaching as duck takes to water and became very popular as one of the best teachers in the whole of Tindivanam, when he was receiving a pittance of Rs 89 as monthly salary. This resulted in students thronging his home for private tuitions in Mathematics and English and several batches of students were trained for a handsome sum of Rs 500 per month more than five times his monthly salary. He was so dedicated that he took special classes in the school on week- ends to upgrade backward students. His mother took his salary first, later his tuition earnings and invested in agricultural land for future of the family.

Ram set up a cricket team at Tindivanam to continue his sports activities parallel to teaching. He trained his friend Mr. Santhanam, who later became Professor in YMCA college of Physical Education, Chennai and played matches at district level in Cuddalore. He also enacted several dramas and skits in English and Tamil literature esp. of William Shakespeare plays, Merchant of Venice and Othello. Paradise Lost by Milton was translated into Tamil and enacted as a lively drama involving the classmates, friends and students. He became so popular as a teacher, sportsman, story teller and social activist that his headmaster and colleagues would not part with him for apprenticeship under a senior lawyer. However, they gave him a rousing farewell, bidding him adieu, keeping in mind his future prospects, relegating surging emotions of separation of one who has captivated their hearts by qualities of head and heart. Prior to this parting, Ram attempted the IAS examination twice, but could not make it in the interview. Lack of dedicated and customised training for IAS was not known in his time nor could he adequately concentrate in these studies along with teaching assignments.

3.2 The momentous year : 1956-57 - Ram, the nascent lawyer, to foray into married life !

Ram joined as apprentice for one year under the legal luminary, V. Jayarama Iyer, Sr. advocate and President of Bar Association in Trichy. At this time, his parents

brought forth proposal for his marriage, which he opposed tooth and nail because he wanted to prove himself in career prior to family life. However, he was persuaded by his mentor uncle to go ahead with the adventure of married life. Thus the wedding with Ms Lakshmi, granddaughter of Sri. Srinivasachari, owner of the Liberty press, Triplicane and daughter of Sri. M V Narasimhachari, an employee of the Burma-Shell company at Chennai, was solemnized on 13th July, 1956 in Singaperumal kovil, near Chingleput.

The newly-wed couple moved to his uncle's house at Trichy during Law apprentice and were blessed with a daughter in a year's time, MYTHILI, who has been a source of support in the later part of their life. In the meanwhile, his stint with Sr Advocate V. Jayarama Iyer, picked up in right earnest, also supported by senior's cousin, Mr. Subramania Iyer, another Sr. advocate. Firm foundation for civil law practice was laid during this period. Among the juniors, Ram was preferred for documentation and accompaniment for case argument in the court. Kattuputhur Jamindar's will was written by him under the guidance of Sr. V. Jayarama Iyer. He also learnt criminal law from Sri. Kailai Anandar, a leading lawyer at Trichy.

3.3 Ram meets superstar M.K.Thiagaraja Bhagavathar(MKT) ! Bravo from judge!

One significant and surprising experience for Ram was his meeting with famous artist, M K Thiagaraja Bhagavathar, a client of his senior V.Jayarama Iyer(VJ), who was facing a case of repayment of loan. He was pleading with VJ for time extension to enable him to repay the loan as stipulated by the court. However, the Sr advocate did not heed and left the place in huff. Ram empathized with MKT and decided to help him out though he was not entitled to appear in court as apprentice. He emphatically placed the facts before the judge. Being impressed by the nascent lawyer's gift of gab, the judge readily agreed for a 3 months-extension to repayment of loan to MKT.

3.4 The writer is agog, the judge is awake, Ram meets S.S.Vasan !

While travelling with his wife in a train bound for Trichy from Tindivanam, he happened to see an issue of Dinamani, an advertisement, for all india story writing competition and with just two days left for the entry, he started dictating the story script of "THEERPU" to his wife . The script was edited, fine-tuned and about to be posted at Trichy. However, the time of clearance left behind, Ram could not post his entry and came home crest-fallen. But his uncle encouraged him to post in the railway station of Trichy where night clearance facility was available. The uncle

took him in his car and facilitated the posting of the entry which ultimately stood third in rank in the list of successful entries, having been shortlisted from 50 entries from out of 3500 entries. The short story was published in Anandaviketan issue and its proprietor Mr. S S Vasan invited Ram to his office, hugged him in jubilation and offered him the position of Asst. Editor in his office. Ram politely declined the offer and continued with his law practice.

K V Krishnaswami Endowment Award

Ram participated in the competition organized by the Bar council of High court to commemorate K V Krishnaswami Endowment award and submitted a thesis entitled "Legal Practitioners' power to compromise" which was the only one recognized for its merit in the list of entries and rewarded accordingly.

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3.5 The Advent of Advocacy:Client as top priority – The cardinal principle

Ram got enrolled as advocate on 12-08-1957 and rented a small dwelling in T.Nagar on a monthly rent of Rs 50 to kick-start his law practice and familial life. He became the junior under the leading civil lawyer, Sri. R. Gopalaswamy Iyengar. Five years from then were one of struggle to make both ends meet. With one daughter and two sons, the increasing family responsibility of financial commitments egged him on to handle more cases. He handled a bail case relating to the murder by a fisherman's son and succeeded in earning more money and visibility in the process.

Ram meets Muthuramalinga Thevar !

Subsequently Ram joined the office of Sri Narayana swamy mudaliar, a famous criminal lawyer, who became the judge in Madras High court and was later inducted as the Law minister in state cabinet during MG Ramachandran as CM and started handling criminal cases parallel to civil cases. The most important criminal case relates to Muthuramalinga Thevar (MRT) who was implicated in the murder of one Mr. Emmanuel . The trial was held in Pudukottai and Muthuramalinga Thevar was acquitted. Another important civil suit was undertaken in respect of the claim of legal heir of Muthuramalinga Thevar's lands, Gandhi Meenal, involving several acres of land under dispute, because of the Land Ceiling Act by the Govt. of Tamilnadu.

Mr. Justice S. Ramalingam set aside the Govt. order and restored the ownership of the land to the legal heirs of Thevar after 16 years of legal battle. This won great appreciation from the Thevar community who invited him to speak in one of their community meetings. Thus seven year-stint with Narayana swamy mudaliar enabled Ram to handle several cases with success .

Some of the cases handled by Ram as the Govt. Counsel for Justice Krishnasami Naidu Commission of Enquiry are memorable and were continuously reported in the Newspapers. One such case is "ASTRUP" scam. Ram, out of his memory says, that the hospital equipment for heart illness was purchased by the General hospital Madras for a price several times more than the price given by the Rorapettah Govt. hospital just a few days before. The bill for the purchase was passed by the hospital authorities and doctors to the contractor and it was certified that the equipment was working very well even before it was imported from abroad!

Another case was selection for the MD & MS courses and one, Padmasri gentleman, was the chairman of the selection commitee. The selection list, prepared and approved by him, was altered with inclusion of alternate persons suggested by the minister for extraneous reasons. The chairman pleaded helplessness and signed the selection list prepared by the Govt. overlooking his own list based on merits!

Ram ventures into the Sathyamoorthy Bhavan case !

After the famous congress spilt in Tamilnadu following the death of Sri Kamaraj, there were two groups, Kamaraj congress and Indira congress. Kamaraj congress was headed by Sri. P Ramachandran and the group was in possession of Sathyamurthi Bhavan building and other properties of the Congress party. Indira congress party was headed by G K Moopanar, Messrs Tindivanam K. Ramamurthy, M Bhaktavatsalam, C. Subramaniam, Dhanushkoti Nadar and others. After a big meeting at Trichy, Tindivanam Ramamurthy and others came to Ram's residence at about 11.30 pm, woke him up and told him about the urgency in getting the court order. They wanted a stay order in the court for the proposed executive meeting by Sri. P Ramachandran after 36 hrs. Ram at once sent for the steno, dictated the suit and the Injunction Application till early morning and at 8 am went to Sri. G K Moopanar's house, got the signature, filed the suit the same day, argued twice at 2.30 pm and 5 pm and ultimately at 7pm, the status quo order was passed. Thus the proposed meeting was not held.

Soon after, the plaint for the suit for declaration and injunction for possession of Sathya Moorthi Bhavan was prepared with the help of Sri. K. Parasaran, Sr Advocate. Later, Sri. P. Chidambaram who became the secretary of the Indira congress also filed Vakalat with Ram. The sensational suit for possession of Sathyamurthy Bhavan and Congress party went for about 4yrs. And ultimately Indira congress party succeeded and declared to be lawful owners. Later the matter was settled and the two groups became one, G K Moopanar became the president and P Ramachandran became the Governor of Kerala. Ram, though not active in politics, had the good fortune of appearing for many political leaders.

During this time, Ram became a member of Club house, T Nagar and unwired himself in carrom and table tennis games. He became a close friend of Mr. Nagesh, a popular comedian in Tamil cinema; Vali, a famous lyricist of Kolly wood movies and G. Ramanathan, a famous music director.

Ram rejoined Sri. R. Gopalaswamy Iyengar in 1962 and learnt the advanced nuances of civil suits in all their aspects. He used to work for 12 hrs a day as junior and left no stone unturned in deciphering Law for the benefit of his clients. Clients' interests were his top priority in negotiating the bend and uphill task of the legal process. In this respect, it is worthwhile to recall the saying of Mahatma Gandhi regarding customers who in legal parlance are clients *"A customer is the most important visitor on our premises. He is not dependent on us. We are dependent on him. He is not an interruption in our work. He is the purpose of it. He is not an outsider in our business. He is part of it. We are not doing him a favor by serving him. He is doing us a favor by giving us an opportunity to do so"*. Mr. M. Srinivasan, adopted son of his senior, Sri. R. Gopalaswamy Iyengar, became a High court judge and later elevated as a supreme court judge; was his close friend. He was most religious, a Srivaishnavite to the core and a strict disciplinarian who succumbed to cancer at 63 years of age in New Delhi.

During 1970, Mr. Ramamurthy of Tindivanam, a close friend of Ram, introduced him to the congress party in Chennai and prevailed upon him to handle party and election cases. This gave him ample opportunity to further his law practice along with Sri P. Chidambaram, a lawyer and TNCC secretary, who later became the Finance minister in the Govt. of India under the congress rule.

Ram facilitates Kamaraj Memorial !

During this time when Ram was handling several cases of the Congress party, the house of late Sri. Kamaraj, former CM of Tamil Nadu, in T Nagar came for public

auction. Thanks to the efforts of Ram and Mr P Chidambaram, it was converted into Kamaraj memorial with the intervention of the Governor of Madras.

3.6 Emergence of lawyer of the working class : "Service Writ Lawyer"

As sequel to the cases relating political luminaries, he was introduced to one Mr. G Ramachandran (GR) President of Southern Railway Mazdoor union to handle cases of the labour union. These experiences dovetailed to the image of the lawyer of the working class and immersed him in cases relating to India Postal union, All India Radio union and Doordarshan Engineers Association. During this time, he has handled cases for the labour class without fees as well as with nominal fees. One vital turning point in Ram's professional career was the introduction of aforementioned GR, a famous Railway Union Leader, who entrusted two writ petitions of a Railway employee Pothanur Govindan. His then senior Sri. K N Mudaliyar recommended GR to him. The two case bundles contained voluminous papers. Ram argued the cases before Justice A. Alagirisamy who allowed the writ petitions in favour of the employee. This brought Mr. GR and M. Namasivayam , another union leader close to Ram. Thereafter, Ram filed cases for GR and Namasivayam against one Govindan in the city civil court, Chennai and after bitter fight for more than three years, the court declared GR as president and M. Namasivayam as the Gen. secretary of the southern Railway Mazdoor union. From then on Ram appeared in hundreds of union cases, postal union cases, and Doordarshan Engineers Association besides many individual cases of employees of various Govt. depts. Ram was able to win in many of the cases and many of his friends called him "Service Writ Lawyer". This is not entirely correct since Ram has been appearing in many civil and criminal cases also. In 1977-78, the Golden opportunity of becoming the honourable Judge of the High court of Madras was politely declined by Ram for personal reasons.

Ram meets MGR !

During 1977, Sri M G Ramachandran of cinematic excellence and matinee idol, a gigantic populist and a political doyen of Tamilnadu was introduced to Ram at his residence in Arcot road (now a memorial) T. Nagar by Sri. Karpagavinayagam. MGR became CM when his new party captured the political arena and Sri. Narayana swami mudaliar was inducted as Law minister. Thanks to the persuasion of his senior, Ram had to accept the position of Govt. counsel in Justice Krishnaswamy Naidu commission of enquiry into the complaints against the previous DMK Govt. during their rule following death of C N Annadurai. However, the findings of about 350 cases were not pursued further, thanks to the perception of MGR.

Ram as Legal Adviser to Kundrakudi Mutt:

Subsequently, many Kundrakudi Mutt cases like Pocket Arrack case, Tamil archanai case, and other property cases were handled successfully by Ram. He has been the legal advisor for Kundrakudi Mutt and a few Srivaishnava Mutts. In particular, Ram gratefully remembers the Head of Kundrakudi Mutt (former and present) for their continued support. Ram also pays rich tributes to the present Head Sri Ponnambala Adigalar, who is a very good speaker and service-minded person. Sri. Kumari Ananthan, a famous Congress leader and Sri. Vasanth Kumar of Vasanth & Co Chennai had sought his legal advice, on and off, on certain matters.

3.7 Ram grooms Law apprentices and Junior lawyers with gusto !

Ram has always been very enthusiastic in encouraging Law apprentices and Junior advocates. For example one Jr Balasubramanian s/o Nataraja Iyer joined his office after 10 yrs of practice at Sivaganga. To be frank, some said Balasubramanian was not upto the mark in law or English language in the beginning. Ram tried very hard to mould him and bring him to min. standard to appear before HC judges. Although Balasubramanian did not pick up throughout, to be frank and fair to him, he was always bold and upright in the presentation of case. Although English was the language of the court, Balasubramanian did not hesitate to speak in colloquial Tamil ! Some other times, he even went on smiling before the judge uttering only "My Lord!; My Lord !" without proceeding further in advancing his arguments. Mr. Balasubramanian has always been a down-to-earth common sense lawyer.

Mr. Jayachandran was a most hard-working junior and was very dependable. By sheer hard work and honesty, he got ML and LLD degree and was elevated as HC judge.

Padmaja, a very intelligent and hard-working junior, appeared in many cases of Ram in HC. She should have continued in the Bar and Ram always held the view that she would become a judge. But God willed otherwise and she got married and settled in Singapore, perhaps continuing her law practice.

Ram remembers very well ,the good-natured Chandrasekaran in his early career, another Chandrasekar later, who left law practice and settled in Hyderabad.

Kishore, Natarajan, Agni, Priya, Shanthi Meenakshi, Santhanam, Krishnakumar, Rajendran, Ramaswamy were all important juniors who became good advocates, public prosecutors and Govt. pleaders . Ram's brother-in-law Sri M.N. Rangachari was very useful as his junior with honesty and duty as matching

qualities. Ravichandran and Usha Rani have been good practising lawyers. R.S. Raveendren and Sailakshmi are equally good practicing lawyers and actively associated with Ram in not only legal activities but also in Srivaishnavism related activities.

Although, one individual advocate can practise law, without the help of others in the early days, Ram had always believed that as one grows up, the success of an advocate depends on his juniors, honest clerk and efficient stenographer. By and large, Ram had always been fortunate in having a good supporting team of subordinate staff and loyal junior lawyers .

Ram meets Sri . K. Maya Thevar, MP of Dindigul !

Apart from full-fledged juniors, there were many young advocates who took his help for drafting and presentation in the High court. He remembers his friends Maya Thevar (elected MP of Dindigul), the first person, to contest for MGR's new ADMK party, Tindivanam Ramamurthy, who became secretary of TN Congress party, Mr. Raj Narayan, Mr. Karpagavinayagam who became judge of HC later, S.S.Trivedi, K.R.Natarajan who later became MP, K.N.Balasubramanian, R.Alagar, R. Sundarajan, S. Desikan, Ramakrishnan, Madurantakam Soundararajan, Tindivanam Pandurangan, Shankar and many other advocates in Tindivanam,esp. classmates Subramanian, Sampath and now Indu, Karunakaran, Kumaradevan and others.

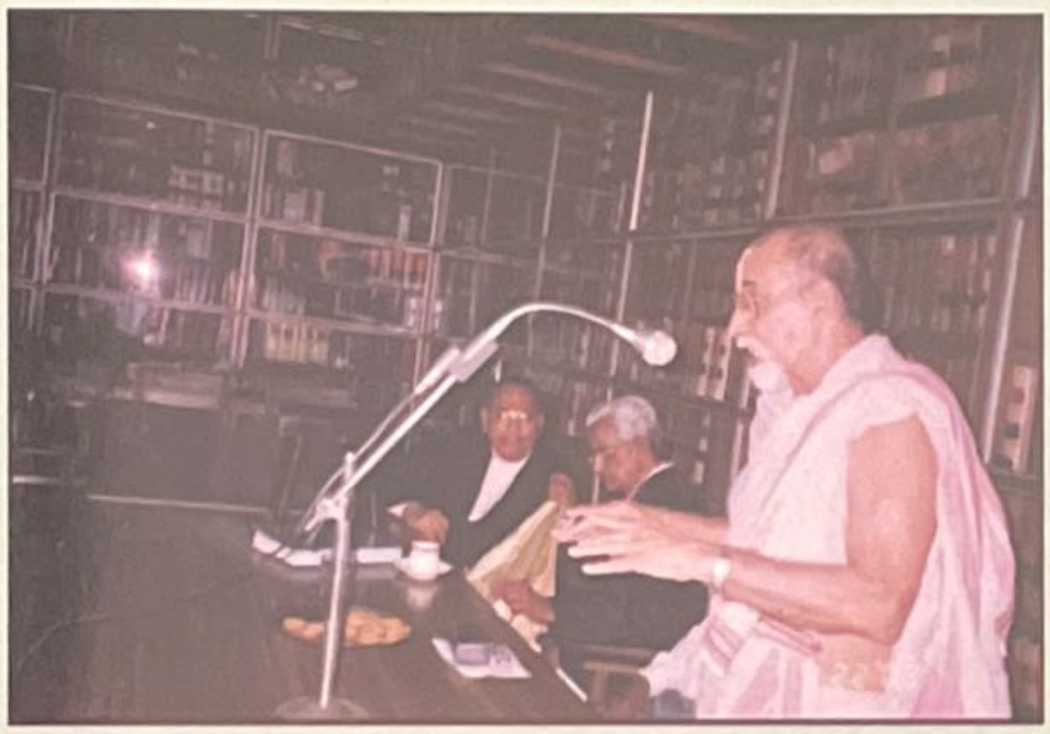
3.8 Senior Judges as well-wishers :

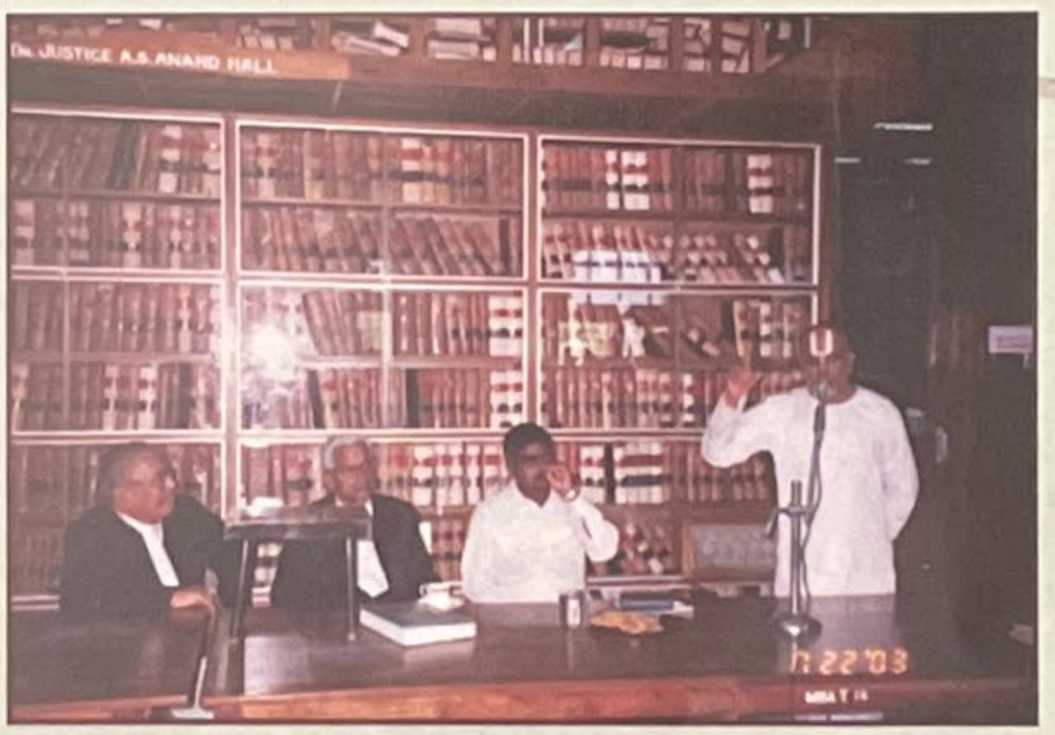
Ram remembers with love and respect senior judges and advocates who were very kind to encourage him throughout. M/S Kunjithapadam, N. Panchapakesa Iyer, M.K. Nambiar, S. Govind swaminathan, C.R. Pattabhi Raman, M.R. Narayana samy, R. Kesava Iyengar, T. Chengalvarayan, (Top congress leader) and many others.

Venugopal Naicker, K.S. Naidu, V. Thiagarajan, CJ A.P. Shah, CJ S.Ramachandra iyer, CJ T. Ramaprasad Rao, CJ P. R. Gokulakrishnan, Mr. Justice AR. Lakshmanan, SC Justice Mohan, SC Justice Ratnavel Pandian and SC Justice Raju are cherished by Ram for their goodness and kind words. Many others are also remembered.

Madras Bar Association Golden Jubilee :

CJ A.P. Shah and TSR





Kumaravadi (Embar) Swami

Dr. M.A. Venkatakrishnan

Ram was elected to the post of secretary, Madras Bar Association during 1975-78 with Sri C.R.Pattabiraman, S/o C.P. Ramasamy Iyer as President. Ram cherished these three years as very valuable. When the Golden jubilee of Bar Association was celebrated, he was honoured by a citation highlighting milestones in his legal career.

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The Madras Bar Association has a glorious existence of 143 years. Eminent Barristers and Doyens of the legal profession have been members of this august body.

Dr. T.S. RAMASWAMY
Advocate

who has completed 50 years of active and successful practice at the Bar was born on 20th June, 1931 at Tindivanam to Advocate Shri P.T.Sadagopachari and Smt. Kamalam.

Our Former Secretary Shri T.S.Ramaswamy got enrolled on 12.08.1957. His journalistic ability got him several Law, Religion, Drama, Sports & Short stories oriented awards. He was a junior in the office of Shri R. Gopalaswamy Iyengar & Shri. Narayanaswamy Mudaliar (Former Judge, High Court, Madras).

He has appeared for Shri Muthuramalinga Thevar as junior of Shri V. Rajagoapalachari and Shri. Narayanaswamy Mudaliar, in numerous cases for Congress Party, several Religious Mutts, several Unions & Employees Associations, & was a Government Counsel for Justice W.S.Krishnaswamy Naidu Commission of Enquiry.

To mention a few, he got Bar Council's Endowment Prize for his thesis "LEGAL PRACTIONER'S POWER TO COMPROMISE", Madras University's Doctorate for thesis "JUDICIAL SOLUTIONS FOR TEMPLE DISPUTES" etc. apart from authoring books in Tamil and English like "YOUR GOD MY GOD – Journey of the Quivering Heart". He was also awarded "UWA Outstading Intellectual of the 21st Century Award" by UGC Chairman Dr. Thorat in April 2007.

The Madras Bar Association records its deep appreciation for the contribution of its member Shri T.S. Ramaswamy towards the "Cause of Justice and March of Law" in this Country.

T.V. RAMANUJUN
President

26.11.2007

S.M. LOGANATHAN
Secretary

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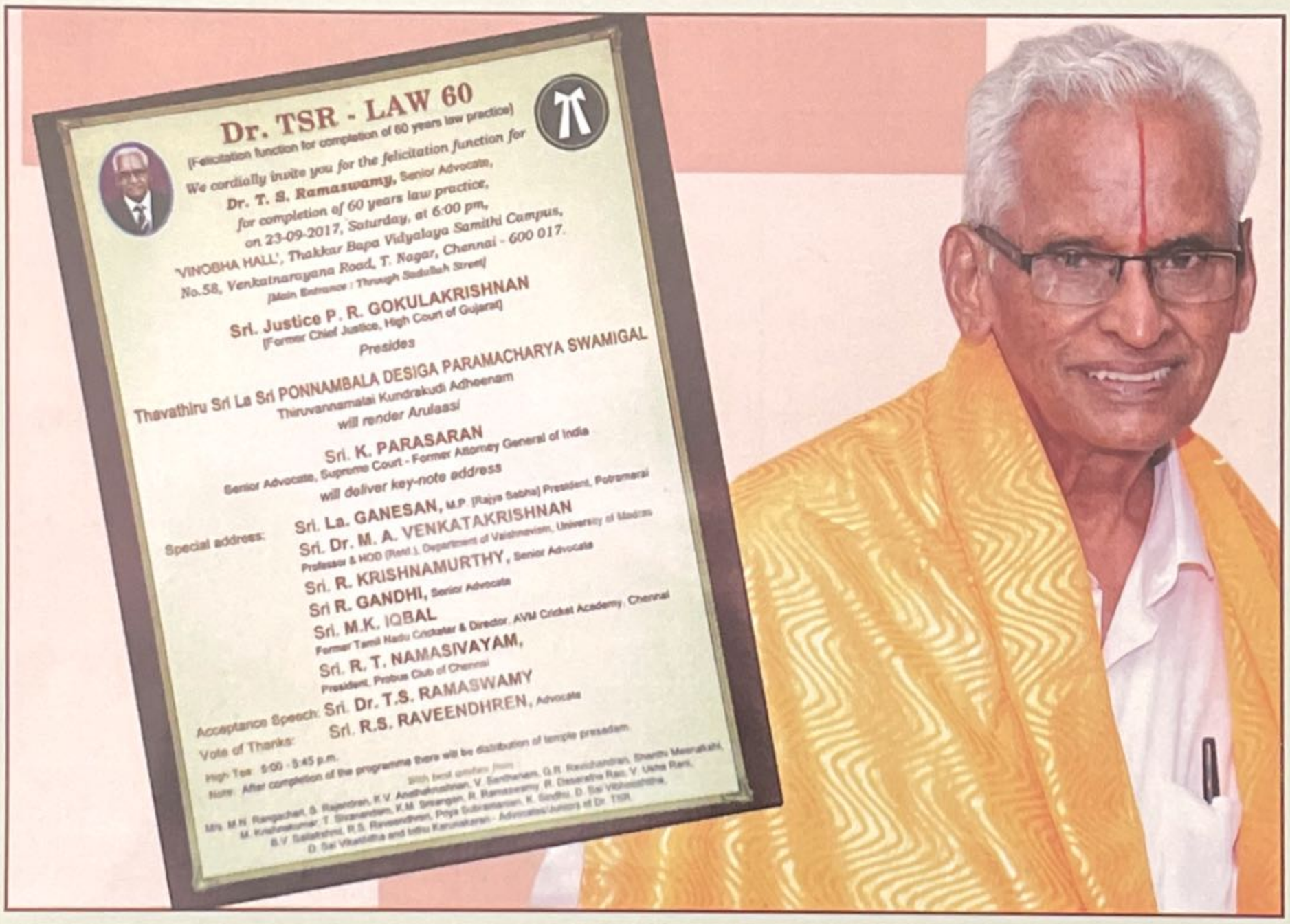
Sixty Years of Law Practice 1957-2017 :

Ever since Ram became enrolled as an advocate on 12th August, 1957, his seamless contribution to the practice as a Lawyer, has been the point of appreciation by his juniors, peers and judges. This has been celebrated in a memorable get-together function by the legal fraternity on 13th Sept. 2017 by the Madras Bar Association in High court premises on the completion of 60 years of practice. The gathering included a host of lawyers, judges and also the current CJ Mrs. Indira Banerjee of Madras High court. All of them were full of appreciation for Ram who also blessed several upcoming lawyers and juniors in their career.


Dr. TSR - LAW 60
(Felicitation function for completion of 60 years law practice)
We cordially invite you for the felicitation function for
Dr. T. S. Ramaswamy, Senior Advocate,
for completion of 60 years law practice,
on 23-09-2017, Saturday, at 6:00 pm,
'VINOBHA HALL', Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya Samithi Campus,
No.58, Venkatnarayana Road, T. Nagar, Chennai - 600 017.
(Main Entrance : Through Sadullah Street)
Sri. Justice P. R. GOKULAKRISHNAN
(Former Chief Justice, High Court of Gujarat)
Presides
Thavathiru Sri La Sri PONNAMBALA DESIGA PARAMACHARYA SWAMIGAL
Thiruvannamalai Kundrakudi Adheenam
will render Arulassi
Sri. K. PARASARAN
Senior Advocate, Supreme Court - Former Attorney General of India
will deliver key-note address
Special address:
Sri. La. GANESAN, M.P. (Rajya Sabha) President, Potramarai
Sri. Dr. M. A. VENKATAKRISHNAN
Professor & HOD (Retd.), Department of Vaishnavism, University of Madras
Sri. R. KRISHNAMURTHY, Senior Advocate
Sri R. GANDHI, Senior Advocate
Sri. M.K. IQBAL
Former Tamil Nadu Cricketer & Director, AVM Cricket Academy, Chennai
Sri. R. T. NAMASIVAYAM,
President, Probus Club of Chennai
Acceptance Speech: Sri. Dr. T.S. RAMASWAMY
Vote of Thanks: Sri. R.S. RAVEENDHREN, Advocate
High Tea 5:00 - 5:45 p.m.
Note: After completion of the programme there will be distribution of temple prasadam.
With best compliments from
Mrs. M.N. Rangachari, S. Rajendran, K.V. Aruthkrushnan, V. Santhanam, G.R. Ravichandran, Shanthi Meenakshi,
M. Krishnakumar, T. Sivanandam, K.M. Sriangan, R. Ramaswamy, R. Dasarathe Rao, V. Usha Rani,
B.V. Sailakshmi, R.S. Raveendhren, Priya Subramanyan, K. Sindhu, D. Sai Vibhishtha,
D. Sai Vibishtha and Ishtu Karunakaran - Advocates/Juniors of Dr. TSR

Thinnalur Satakopan Ramaswamy

- a persona catholicus

Thinnalur Sadagopan Ramaswamy, a spark of the **Asuri** clan, born in pazhaiyanur in 1931,

Saga of sensibilities, nurtured by his dedicated mother Kamalammal, blossomed into a

Rare synthesis of analytical skills and traditional values.

Acquired graduation in Mathematics in Madras Christian College, dream for a degree in engineering, echoing in his heart.

Mathematical knowledge was magnificently orchestrated as alumnus teacher at Tindivanam, a triumvirate of "Concentrate, Consolidate and Conquer."

Acceding to the parental persuasion, studied in Madras Law College with inherent

Scientific aptitude evolving into a professional career in legal practice.

Welfare of siblings in mind as top priority, joined as apprentice with legal luminaries, Gopalaswamy Iyengar and Narayanaswamy Mudaliar.

Aptitude for technology thus resonated into a sterling practice of Law as profession.

Marriage with **Lakshmi** catapulted him into a keen pursuit of legal career with seamless family support.

Yeomen service of **TSR** over sixty years of law practice, integrating the writer, actor, dramatist, litterateur, sportsman, Srivaishnavite and philanthropist elevates him to **a persona catholicus** for sublimation by seekers of **El Dorado.**

P.S. SRINIVASAN
அருளிச்செயல் அரங்கம்,
திருவல்லிக்கேணி.

23rd September 2017
Chennai

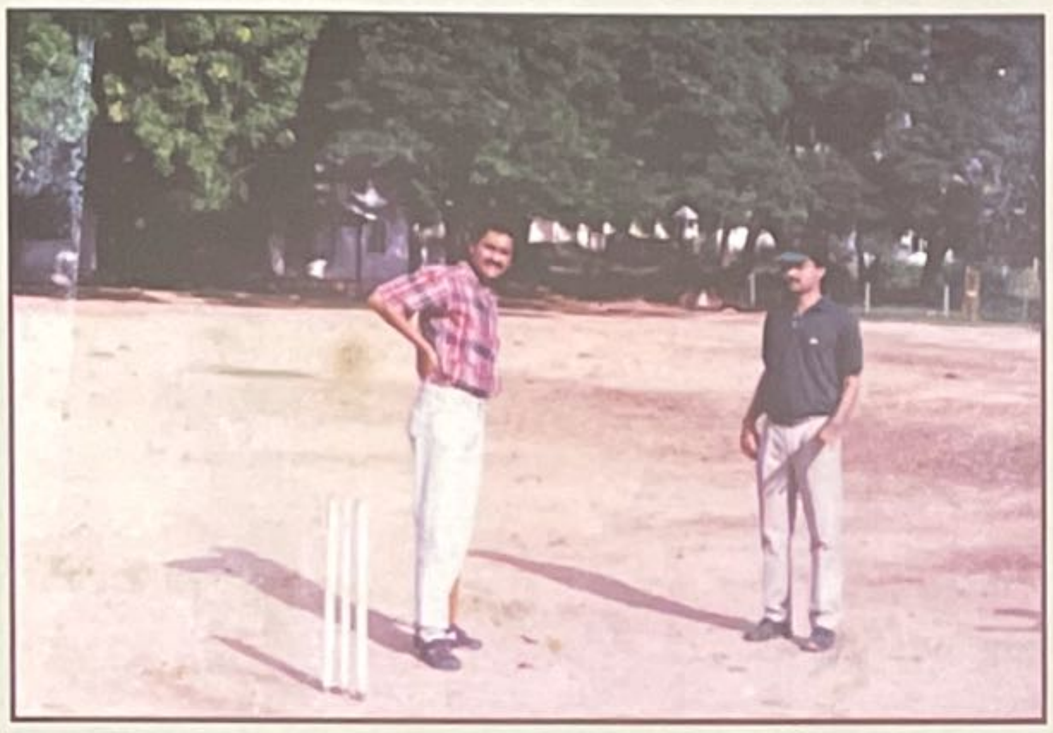
Probus Club Chennai

MYTHILI

The crowning glory of the multi-faceted 60 years of Law practice in the High court of Madras was celebrated with overwhelming accolades from peer lawyers, judges as well as public on Saturday the 23rd Sept. 2017 at Thakkar Bapa Vidyalaya, T Nagar with retd. Chief Justice of Gujarat High court, Sri. P. R. Gokulakrishnan as President and Sri. K. Parasaran, Sr Advocate as the chief

guest. Sri Ela Ganesan, Dr. M A Venkatakrishnan, Sri. M.K. Iqbal, Prof. Satakopan, Sri. R.Krishnamoorthy and Sri R. Gandhi and Sri. Namasivayam highlighted Ram's contribution in various fields of activity. Sri. Ponnambala Adigalar of Kundrakudi Mutt offered his blessings. RSR and Priya Subramanian took active part in the organization of the celebration of 60 years of Law practice by Ram. Priya Subramanian rendered the invocation song and compered the function well.

3.9 TSR Cricket Academy in YMCA college, Chennai (1982-2002):



Prof. Santhanam of YMCA college, Chennai invited Ram in 1981 to join and participate in the activities of sports esp. cricket. Ram galvanized the training for 15 cricket players to play in Bangalore. As the cricket training centres outside the purview of educational institutions in Chennai were few and far between, Ram felt the urge to set up a purely private venture, an institution for cricket game and development for young aspirants to evolve through a rigorous practice starting with net practice and culminating in participation in National and Intenational test matches. Apart from these, constraints faced by youngsters in the age group of 9 to 15 for participation in their school sports in many schools included no cricket. This

was the primary reason for Ram to start TSR Cricket Academy in YMCA college of physical Education. The academy kindled, nurtured and became instrumental in showcasing the cricket talent to India and abroad. During this period, the services of Professional coaches Ramesh of RBI, Iqbal and Rakesh Kapoor added further fillip to the gamut of the activities of the academy in enabling the players to participate in tournaments conducted in Bangalore, Hyderabad, Calcutta, in addition to under-13 matches in Chennai at interschool and interclub levels. At a time when net practice was regarded as essential in cricket training and coaching, Ram shifted the psychology of cricketeers to " Playing Matches" as integral to the nourishment of the cricket game.

TSR Academy grew from strength to strength, with Sri R. Ratnam of Sundaram Industries, in Chennai as President and Ram as Secretary and proved instrumental in bringing about Cricket heroes such as Messrs S. Sriram, S. Badrinath, R. Aswin, Mr. P. Rajesh, Raghu, Mr. Prabhu and Mr. I. Nyas, S/o M.K. Iqbal have been exemplary cricket players. Mr. Pramod Sharma was a lovable, active cricketer. Several names in this respect might have been omitted but only inadvertently. This seminal contribution of Ram to cricket came to limbo in 2002, when other new priorities emerged in his personal life. Though the active participation in cricket for more than two decades ended, his continued interest and love for the game never subsided and Ram's face would brighten up with reminiscenses and performance highlights the current IPL and ODI series of the game. One significant aspect of all the activities undertaken by Ram relating to promotion of Cricket as an integral part of sports activities was his love of the game and concern for the youngsters to learn and perform, unalloyed by mercenary considerations and commercial aspects of the game.

3.10 Ram as a writer – UWA Outstanding Intellectual award and UWA Effulgent Star award !

Ram successfully completed a one year drama course in Madras Natya Sangha sponsored by the Govt. of India. He participated and acted in S V Sahasranama seva stage, several popular dramas, President Panchaksharam and Panchali sabatham to name a few. Masked characters dramas constituted a significant part of the stage

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UWA EFFULGENT STAR OF THE DECADE AWARD

To Dr.T.S.Ramaswamy, Chennai

For the amazing manner and enduring excellence that he/she has contributed towards the welfare of the people not only in his professional capacity but also in his individual capacity and the noble example he/she has set for his peers and entire community.

In Witness whereof, we have hereto subscribed our names and caused the Association Seal to be affixed this 24th day of May Two Thousand and 16 at Chennai.

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UWA OUTSTANDING INTELLECTUALS OF THE 21ST CENTURY AWARD

To DR. T.S. Ramaswamy, Advocate, chennai

For the amazing manner and enduring excellence that he has contributed towards the welfare of the people not only in his professional capacity but also in his individual capacity and the noble example he has set for his peers and entire community.

In Witness whereof, we have hereto subscribed our names and caused the Association Seal to be affixed this TWENTY SECOND day of APRIL Two Thousand and SEVEN at Chennai

CHEVALIER
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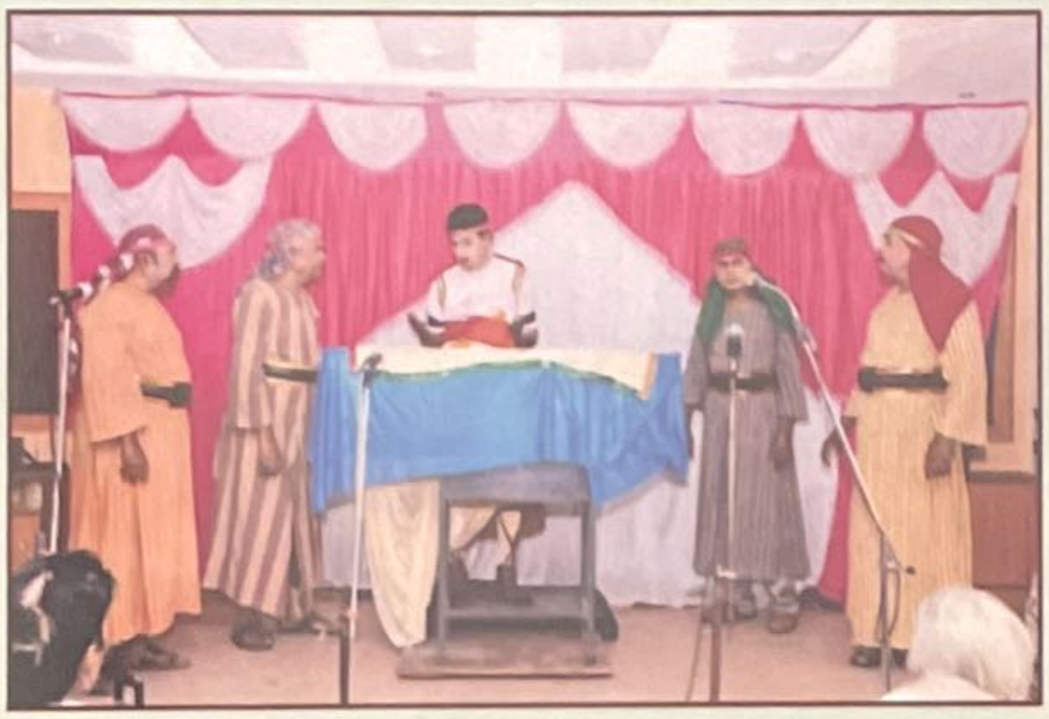
performance which were but expressions of his penchant for drama and lyrics from childhood.

Ram was a voracious reader of English and Tamil novels and short stories as well as Itihasams, Mahabharata and Ramayana. This impelled him to share these stories with his classmates and friends in and around his residential space at Tindivanam even during very young age. On several occasions, he used to combine his imaginative skills to modify these stories to enthuse the audience, almost similar to the traditional efforts of scholars to couch philosophical truths and morals in a ready-to-swallow modules for the general public. These activities have helped reinforcing the instinct in Ram for story writing as well as writing of lyrics/scripts and staging of dramas and plays. Many short stories were written and sent to famous magazines and daily newspapers such as Anandaviketan, Kumudam, Amudha surabhi, etc during 1957-75. His lyrics/scripts for several dramas were accepted by famous troupes . Two such plays “Avasaramo Avasaram” and “Mani Adhithal” were telecast three times in Doordharshan, owing to large viewership. These two plays were directed by Sri U M Kannan. Ram gave lectures “Valluvar Vakku” on seven weekends (Sundays) in Doordarshan. He participated as a resource person in Podhigai channel of Doordharan one hour programme “Hello Ungaludan” on the topic “Wills and Settlement”. He also conducted five “Sports Quiz” in the All India Radio (AIR).

As recognition of the phase of writer in Ram’s life, UWA–Outstanding Intellectual of the 21st century award by the UGC Chairman Dr. Thorat in April 2007 and again in the year 2016 UWA Effulgent Star of the decade award were conferred on him.

3.11 Social service : The Probus Club, Chennai

Ram lived in west Mambalam in 1958 and during this period, he was an active member of Social Service League with Krishna Rao, Viswanathan and others to serve the poor and backward people in distress during floods and fire accidents. In 1962, when Ram shifted to Rangier st, T. Nagar, he was actively associated with social service centre opposite his house to serve the destitute and the physically challenged women by running a tailoring institute. Besides the above, in his professional capacity as Lawyer, Ram has helped hundreds of workers belonging to the unions of Southern Railway, Indian Post office, Doordharshan etc. in winning their cases free of cost or at nominal cost. During 2008-118, he was an active member of the Probus club, Chennai (International Senior citizens organisation) initiated and sponsored by Rotary club of Madras. The members have been working very hard to realize the twin objectives of fellowship and service to sr. citizens. Ram served as President of the Probus club during 2014-16 and was instrumental in promoting several activities of the club. Significant activities such as lectures on "Ramayana" and staging of a scene from Shakespeare's Julius Caesar involving sr. members of the Probus club, himself, taking the role of Mark Anthony in the play. His rhetoric,



style of English and acting in the drama took the enlightened audience vicariously to the Shakesperian age. On another occasion, the Tamil play "Avasaromo Avasaram" was enacted in the Probus club involving Sr. citizens.

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TAMIL PLAY (DRAMA)

"Avasaramo Avasaram"

at

TAG Dakshinamoorthy Auditorium, PS High School, Mylapore
at 10.00 a.m. on Saturday, the **27 DECEMBER, 2014**

ACTOR : Probian President Dr. T.S. RAMASWAMY

ROLE: STORY, SCRIPT & DIRECTION

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CHAPTER 4.0

THE PLATINUM PHASE

4.1 Emergence as a unique Srivaishnavite :

Ram's first mentor in learning and practice of religion was his father, Sri. P.T. Satakopachari who taught him Vishnu Sahasranamam, its significance in srivaishnavism and recital. Apart from this, his father's nithyanusandhanam of st. Nammalwar's Tiruvoimozhi made an indelible impression on his mind because of the pure mystic devotion of Alwars to Sriman Narayana. The unalloyed personal discipline of his father in upholding srivaishnava dharma as a grahastha with daily chore of religious activities served as an important moral aspect of life. His father arranged a host of religious discourses in the courtyard of his house at Tindivanam, inviting scholars in srivaishnava philosophy. Ram was part of the audience to this regular feature and was blessed with satsang at impressionable age. Thus the relative role of dharma, artha, kama and moksha in the life of an ideal srivaishnava was revealed to him from time to time and this became the bedrock of activities in the matrix of personal, social, professional and religious life for Ram in Chennai from 1957 to date.

Ram was especially devoted in his young age to Sri Anjaneya . Later he was committed to reading of "Sri Ramanujan", a spiritual journal, published and edited Sri. U. Ve. Prathivadhi Bhayankaram Annagarachariar swami of Kanchipuram. He also attended discourses by famous personalities such as Velukudi Varadachari swami, Toopul Narasimhachari etc. apart from undertaking pilgrimages to different divya desams and temples in Tamilnadu. All these activities were undertaken with active participation of his wife, Mrs. Lakshmi Ramaswamy .

The most important event in post 60 year-phase of Ram is the tutelage under Sri. Kumaravadi Ramanujacharya swami (currently Emabar Jeer of Sri Ramanuja mutt, Sriperumpudur) for five years. Ram travelled 200 villages along with Jeer swami for Vaishnava lectures in simple Tamil and for participating in their function. He and his wife learnt the principles of srivaishnavism from the acharya, in particular Sri Pillailokacharya's Mumukshupadi and Tatvatrayam by the grantha kalakshepa method.The following period was one of learning Tiruvoimozhi, Bhagavat vishayam, etc. culminating in membership in "Tirumaladiyar Kuzham". This brought the divine couple within the fold of great scholars like Srirangam Sri Narasimhachari swami, Navalpakkam Varadachari and his family Acharya, Sri. Vedantachari Swamigal of

Sri Dhoddachariar Thirumaligai of Sholingar. Once in a month for 5 years at a stretch, was the religious congregation organized by Ram and his family at his residence in T. Nagar, the whole day proceedings being chaired by different scholars with Q&A session by the eager audience.

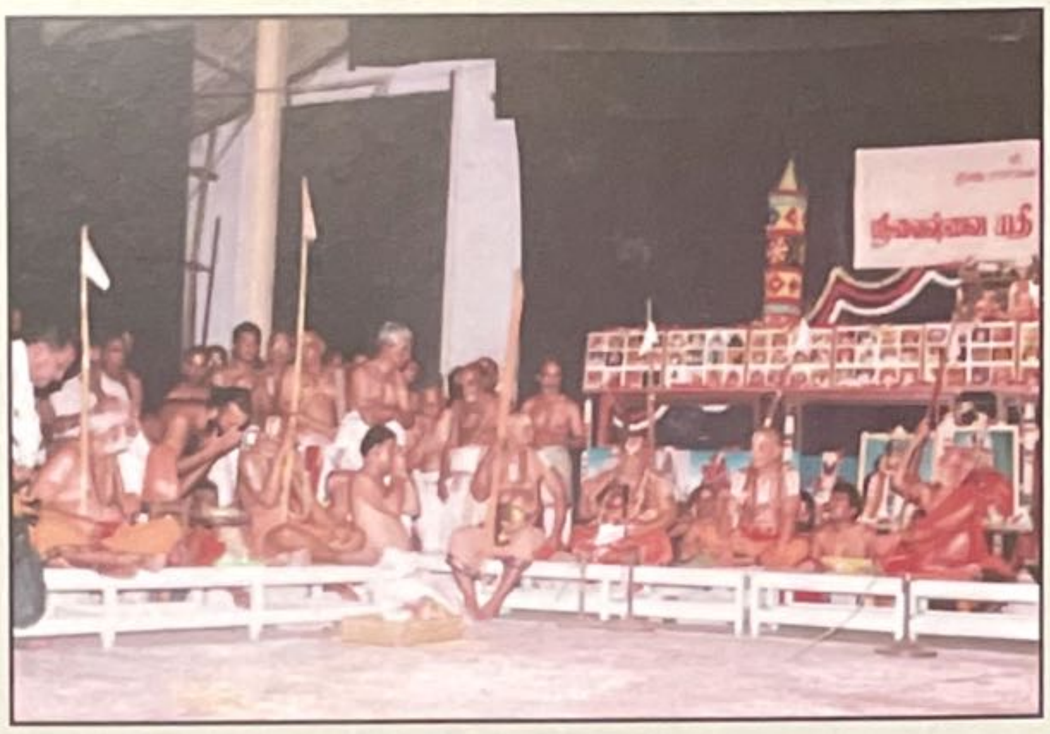
Medhaavimani, Gambheeravagvarshee Dr. M.A. Venkatakrishnan as Research Supervisor :

Ram had been very lucky in having throughout his life good teachers and guides for learning literature of srivaishnavism as mentioned above. At the age of 65, he did M.A. course in Srivaishnavism in the university of Madras, under the guidance of Sri M. Narasimhachari, V K S Raghavan, Dr. M A Venkatakrishnan and others. After successful completion of the Masters degree, he continued to do Ph,D. under the guidance of Dr. M.A. Venkatakrishnan, HOD, Dept. of Vaishnavism, University of Madras, and was awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Srivaishnavism in 2006 for his thesis entitled "Judicial solutions for Temple disputes - A Critical Analysis".

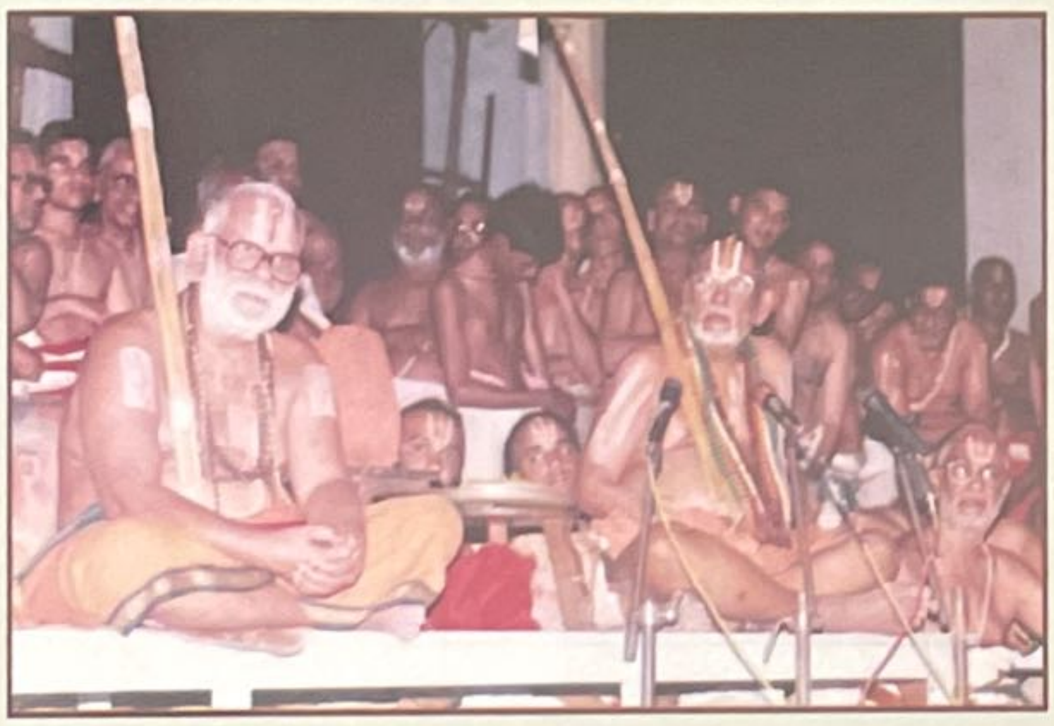
Following the afore-mentioned academic pursuits outside the purview of his core professional demands, a decade of prodigious output springing out of his earlier experience, further tuned by the study in the university of Madras, resulted in more than 500 lectures in Vaishnavism esp. "Arulicheyalkal of Alwars" in Bangalore, Delhi and USA. Lectures on epic Ramayana were also his favourites. In this connection, the role of Sri V.P. Srinivasa Varadan, his sister Lalli's husband and family, (then in New Delhi) in the recitation and teaching of Kovil Thiruvoimozhi has been acknowledged in no uncertain terms by Ram. Ram gave a lecture on "Peace amidst inter-religious violence: A Hindu and Legal perspective at the seminar conducted by "Institute of Dialogue with cultures and Religions" of Loyola college about "Communal Violence and Social Healing" in 2007 and gave similar lectures in Hyderabad and other places.

4.2 Thenkalai Iyengars and Vadakalai Iyengars as Unified Srivaishnavites under one umbrella :

However, Ram considers 11th Feb. 2001 as the most memorable day in his service to Vaishnavism. Earlier, for more than six months, he thought of bringing together Srivaishnavas of Vadakalai and Tenkalai sampradayam on a single platform. The idea was discussed with Azhagiya Manavala Swami, the then Jeer swamy of Kanchipuram. They met two other Jeer swamis, the then Emabr Jeer swamis of Sriperumbudur and Melkote. Ram and Jeer Swamis travelled from



place to place in Tamilnadu and Mysore and contacted all other Jeer swamis of both sects and after elaborate discussion, it was decided to hold a conference of Jeer swamis in Chennai in consultation with Sri. S V S Raghavan of Ahobila mutt and Sri. Rajagopalan of Andavan ashram. Accordingly the one day conference



was organized at Vani Mahal, T.Nagar, Chennai, expecting a crowd of about 1000 as audience. However, the venue was bursting at its seams with more than ten thousand audience also on the outside the hall. The stage was adorned by several

Jeers who delivered their "Arul Aasi" for 15 min each, one by one. Despite the limited hall capacity, the audience were disciplined and attentive, though it was found very difficult to manage the unexpected crowd. The main feature of the conference was the presentation of the document of unity drafted by Ram and approved by all Jeer swamis. "Srivaishnava Yathi Sammelan" was constituted by inducting 12 Srivaishnava vidwans as members of the committee representing all jeer swamis and Ram as the general secretary. He considers this opportunity as very fortunate. They had committee meetings frequently thereafter. They discussed many problems and tried to solve them, although the meetings could not be continued for administrative and personal reasons. However, the sammelan brought huge awareness among srivaishnavites, awakening and realization for the importance of unity among the two sects. In fact, when Ram read out his welcome address in front of thousands of srivaishnavites that "Sri Vedanta Desikan and Sri. Manavala Mamunigal are the two eyes of Srivaishnavism", there was continuous uninterrupted applause and cheers for about three minutes akin to the rousing welcome of the American audience to the famed speech by Swami Vivekananda at the world Parliament of Religion, Chicago in 1893 as "Brothers and Sisters of America". That only disclosed the mood and determination of the two sects to remain united forever. The conference success was broadcast to the public via news papers". Ram's effort for the successful revival of the unification was well-taken.

Arulicheyal Arangam, Thiruvallikeni (2000) :

Finally, the climax of enjoyment in Ram's life as a Srivaishnavite by the grace of Sriman Narayana is that he has been attached to the Arulicheyal. He has listened to many vidwans in their discourses, particularly Kumaravadi Ramanuja swami in grantha kalakshepam at Kesavaperumal temple, Mylapore. The lessons taken by Dr.M A Venkatakrishnan have been very useful; besides he spent several hours every day during the last ten years in reading the commentary on Divya

Prabhandam. Therefore, he was emboldened to take up the task of explaining Nammalwar's "Tiruvoimozhi" (Bhagavad vishayam) based on Eedu Vyakkanam of Nampillai in simple Tamil, occasionally in English to about 15 of his friends and admirers for two and half years, 2014-16. At the end of the programme, a religious trip was organized by a group of 15 including Mrs. Raja, S.P. Raja and Kanchipuram Ranganathan of the Arulicheyal arangam, Tiruvallikeni to Alwar Thirunagari and adjoining divya sthalams to worship the supreme Acharya Sri Nammalwar. Later, recently he also enjoyed speaking to a group of ten members of Arulicheyal arangam on Tiruvarangathu Amudanar's "Sri Ramanuja Nootranthadi" with commentary by Prathivadi Bhayankaram Sri. Annagarachariar swami of Kanchipuram.

4.3 Lakshmi Ramaswamy : Profile and achievement

Lakshmi was born and brought up in Triplicane Chennai, T P Koil st, very near Parthasarathy temple, daughter of Sri. M V Narasimhachari (Burma-shell co) and Jeyalakshmi, daughter of Sri Srinivasachari, Proprietor of the reputed Liberty Press, George town, Chennai. During her childhood in a very big family at home, she had the good fortune of worshipping the Lord Parthasarathy every day and learning the chanting of Vedas and Divya prabhandam. Soon after SSLC, Lakshmi became the wife of Ram , then a Law apprentice, on 13-07-1956 at the age of 17!

Lakshmi has always been a good singer in carnatic music, however, did not perform in public. The most important and significant part of her life can be divided into two parts. First and foremost, she was part of a famous Divya Prabandha music group in "MAMBALAM KOTHAI KUZHU" under the guidance of the famous carnatic singer, Kanchipuram Sri. M.N. Venkatavaradhan, disciple of renowned carnatic musician Sri.Nainapillai. The group rendered hundreds of Divya prabhandam pasuram concerts in various places including Tamil Isai sangam at Raja Annamalai mandram, Music academy, AIR, Doordarshan etc. The group's divine songs and service to the music world will linger long in the minds of people.

Sri M.N. Venkatavaradhan & Mambalam Kothai Kuzhu

Further Lakshmi wrote simple lyrics on 108 Divyadesa Perumal and set them to music. The CD of the music was released by Sri Vanamamalai Jeer swami and became very popular.

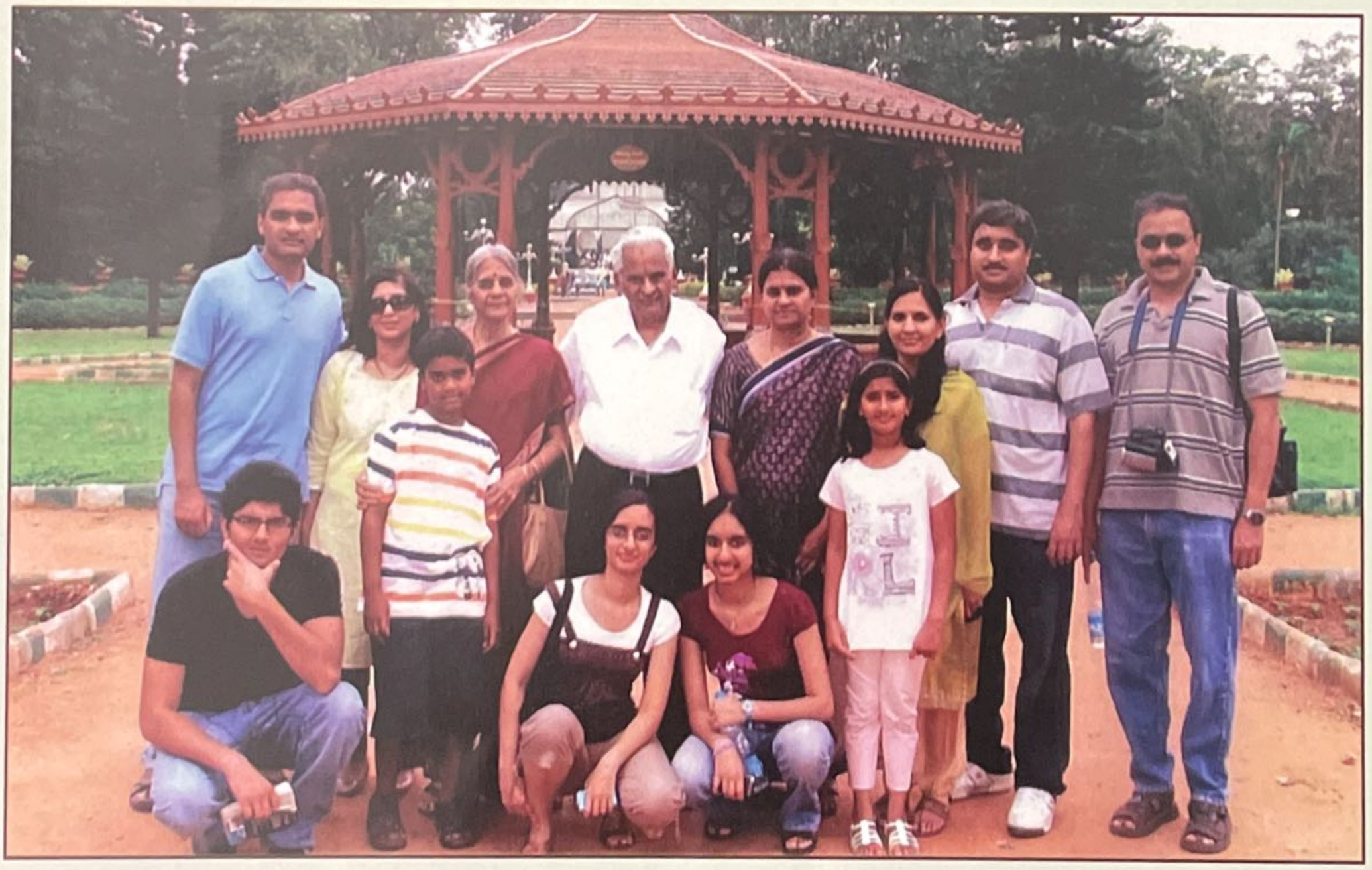
The second notable achievement of Lakshmi was to learn along with Ram some basic Sri vaishnava texts such as Mumukshupadi, Tatvatrayam from Sri. Kumaravadi Ramanuja jeer swami((now embar Jeer swamy); Vedanta sangraha and Sribhashyam from Sri. Narasimhachari of Srirangam for about 5 yrs (Kalakshepa arranged by Sri. Velukudi Krishnan) .Besides, Lakshmi has been a good short story writer in her own style, her works appearing in Tamil magazines Anandaviketan, Kalaimagal and Mangaiyar malar.

The first child MYTHILI was born in 1957 even before enrolment of Ram as an advocate. The burden of the early struggle in married life was borne by Lakshmi gracefully. The second child, Murali was born in 1959, the third child, Sarathy in 1961 and the fourth child, Venkatesh in 1969, all living in a rented portion at West mambalam and later at T. Nagar. All the early family problems were stoically tackled by them, particularly by Lakshmi.

Ram and Lakshmi live in car street, Triplicane Chennai while their daughter MYTHILI lives in Bangalore. Son-in-law, P S Krishnan , a distinguished scientist, has

retired as Director of Aeronautical Development Establishment. (ADE), Bangalore but still active as consultant in his field of specialization and also very busy in religious activities. Ram and Lakshmi are blessed with three sons, T R Murali, T R Sarathy and T R Venkatesh who are software engineers ,happily married and settled in USA. Ram and Lakshmi have seven grandchildren and two great-grand children, all in USA. The multivarious roles as heroine in the sojourn of Ram in the fulfilment of

his sensibilities, as mother to a daughter and three sons, as sibling in her maternal lineage, as a significant participant in religious activities and personal daily worship at Sri Parthasarathy temple defies description.



4.4 THE FAMILY TREE :

Venkat - First Prize Fancy Dress Competition

The review of the family tree of Sri P T Satakopachari and Smt. Kamalammal with Ram as the eldest son bears ample testimony to the traditional moorings of the family, allowing no scope for aberration. The following is only indicative of the branching of the family, with Ram playing a key role as Bheeshma in the family of Kauravas and Pandavas.

Vidya Venkat

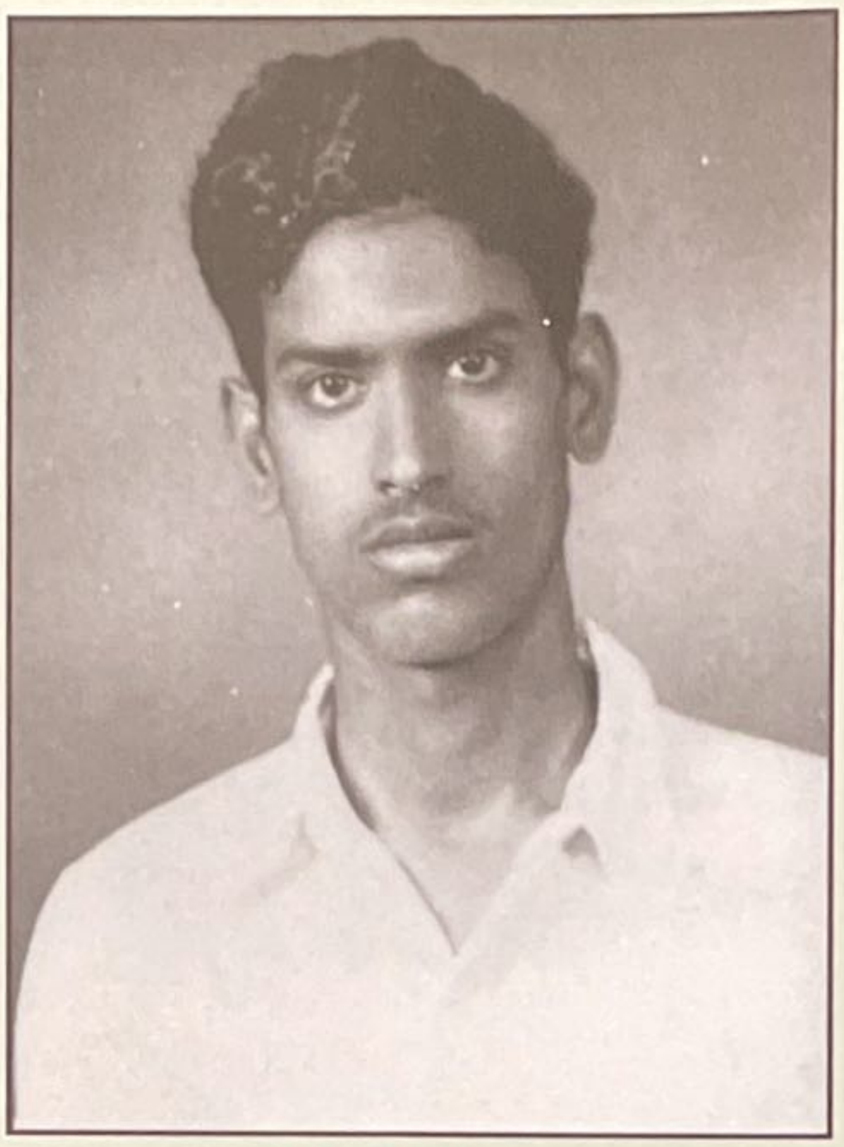
Ram is blessed to have been a friend, philosopher and guide to his four younger brothers and three younger sisters, in tune with the tradition of the eldest son playing an integral role in the joint Hindu family with sharing the burden of father in the affairs of the family.

Ram's younger brother T S Krishnan was well-known for his physical service at home, helping all members of the joint family. He was very hard working, finished his B A Hons and joined AG's office and served. He and his wife Mrs. Radha were blessed with three brilliant daughters Jayanthi, Suganthi and Vasanthi, all well-placed. Krishnan and Ram on various occasions have enjoyed reading English literature together. Unfortunately, Krishnan reached acharyan thiruvadi at the age of 66.

T S Narayanan, the next brother, always a happy-go-lucky 'young man', a retired high school teacher(M.Sc.B.Ed.) and his wife Indira are living happily, with their two sons Vasu and Raja having settled in life comfortably. Their daughter Latha is happily wedded to Seshadri.

T S Srinivasan, brialliant as a student and relaxed in life, a retired engineer of TN Electricity Board, is endowed with an achiever wife Dr. Vijaya, a top doctor in Global Hospital, Chennai. The family is blessed with two sons, Padmanabhan and Rajani, happily settled with their families in Chennai and USA.

T S Rangan , retd Asst. HM, RK Mutt School, Chingleput and his wife Radhika, also an achiever in life, have two children, Badri and Raghunathan, a doctor in London. Rangan attracts others by his smiles and gruffy voice!

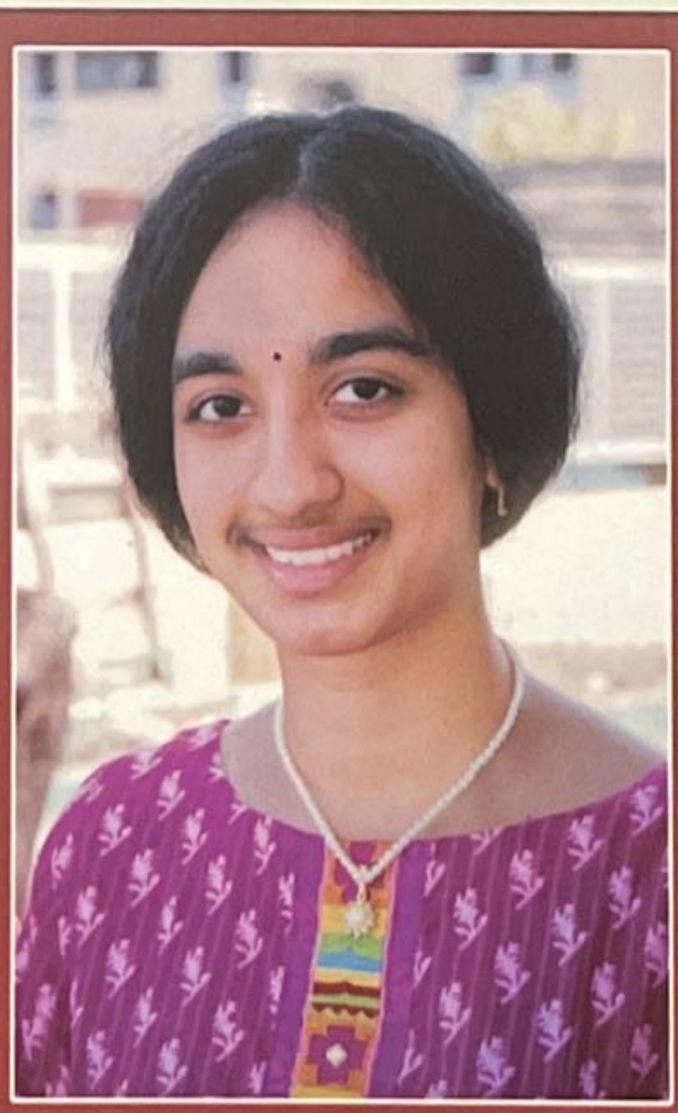


T.S. Krishnan

Ram's sisters, apart from Saroji, are Lalitha (Vijaya) and Padma (Chella). Lalitha's husband, V P S Varadan is retired from a top post in the Govt. of India. Lalitha herself took lot of pains to rise as a college lecturer with the moto of social service while being a good wife as well as mother of four children, Jayanthi,, Mukundan,Giri and Gopi. Padma's (chella) husband, late Rajagopalan was an unforgettable character, Professor in the University of Pondicherry and a humourous, jocular person. They have two sons, Murali and Giri, well -settled in USA and London. Ram's sister Saroji, has two daughters, Geetha and Chandra,and two sons Ravi and Kumar, all very well settled in life with their respective families in USA, Switzerland and Chennai. However, Chella is chellam to everyone in the family.

Ram's siblings and their children are well-settled and by God's grace , their families are also well-groomed. In fact, they have all been very close to Ram and to one another. All their bickerings and misunderstandings from time to time have been negotiated and compromised by Ram, reflecting the legal practioner's power to compromise and highlighting the principle of reconciliation as an important aspect of human living. Ram's family- Brothers and Sisters- keep their family tradition of forefathers- namely peace and happiness in their life.

Sadhabhisekam 4th July 2011



CHAPTER 5.0

THE URANIUM PHASE

5.1 Fulfilment :

When Ram looks back on the kaleidoscopic spectrum of activities in his life spanning eight decades and the corresponding beneficial impact on the self, family and society at large, he is reminded of William Wordsworth

"For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils".

Ram blossoms with nostalgia at the achievement of the monumental mix of myriad activities that involved his persona, the family and the society in a formidable ratio that defies human imagination.

Ram feels indebted to Sriman Narayana for having given him the opportunity to express his sensibilities which have taken shape as reality in accordance with

"எளிய வாழ்வு, உயர்ந்த நோக்கம்"
"தொண்டே செய்து என்றும் தொழுது வழி ஒழுக,
பண்டே பரமன் பணித்த பணி வகையே"

- Nammalwar Thiruvoimozhi

5.2 The Life ahead- Aspirations and Plan :

Ram's aspirations revolve around Srivaishnavism and he wants to devote more time for religious and spiritual practice, slowly tapering off his professional role as a lawyer. He has been doing several rounds of introspection at personal level to arrive at activity of the true self. He also intends to write a book that will be revealing the apparent contradictions of modern life. He feels that conformance to truth and honesty is now far from satisfactory and compromise has led the present society into the realm of unhealthy competition and corresponding deviation from dharma. The background as a consummate lawyer has given him adequate knowledge and experience to see through society's pretences and plans to expose them at an appropriate forum for restoration of status quo ante where dharma, artha, kama and moksha of Alwar's period will prevail.

CHAPTER 6.0

BOOKS PUBLISHED

6.1 Books published in Tamil:

Aavikkor Patrukkombu

Theerpu - Compilation of Short stories

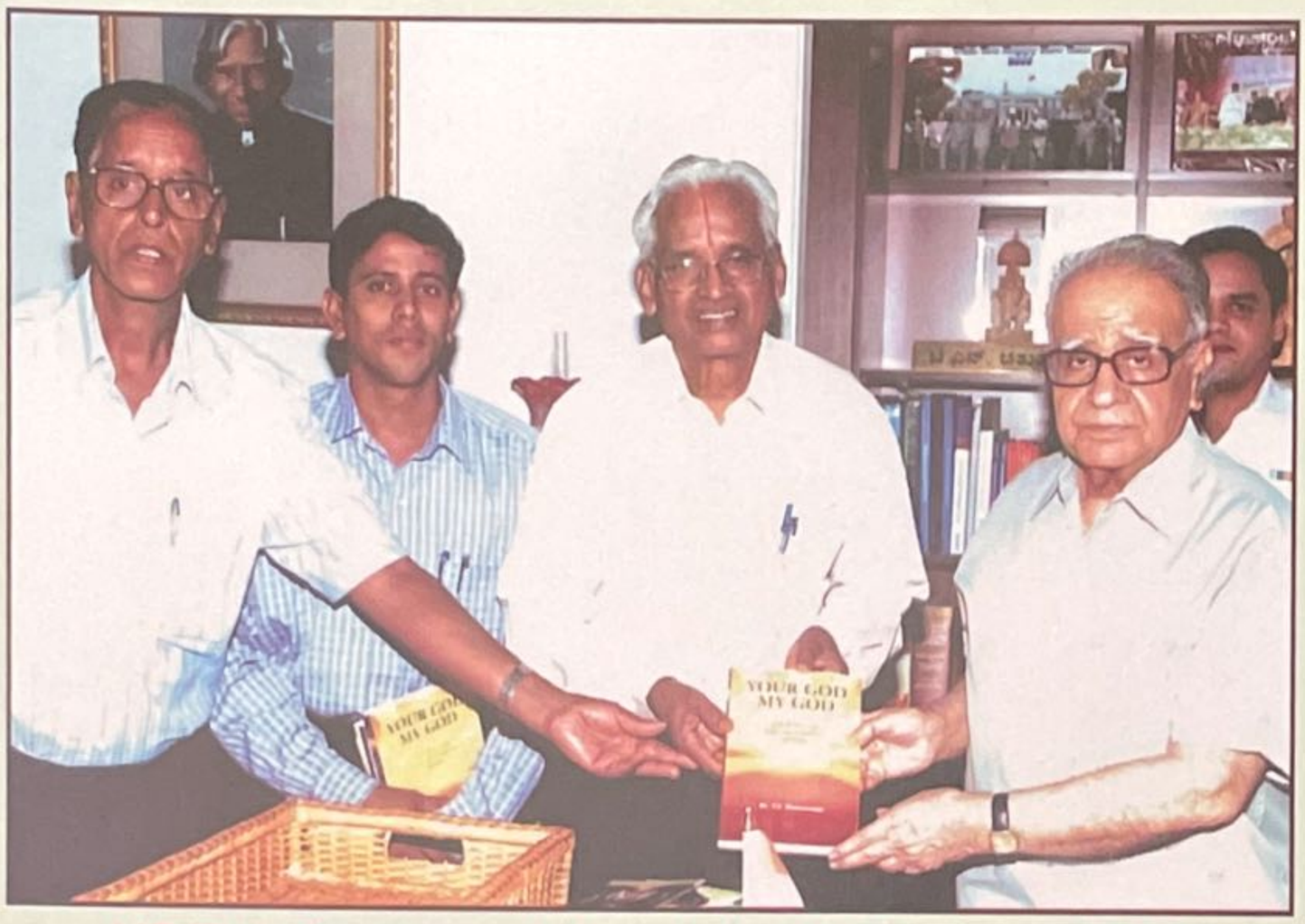
Kandein Kamalamalarpaadham (2 volumes)

Thirumalai – Thondaradipodi Alwar

Veda Vyasarin Moksha Dharmam

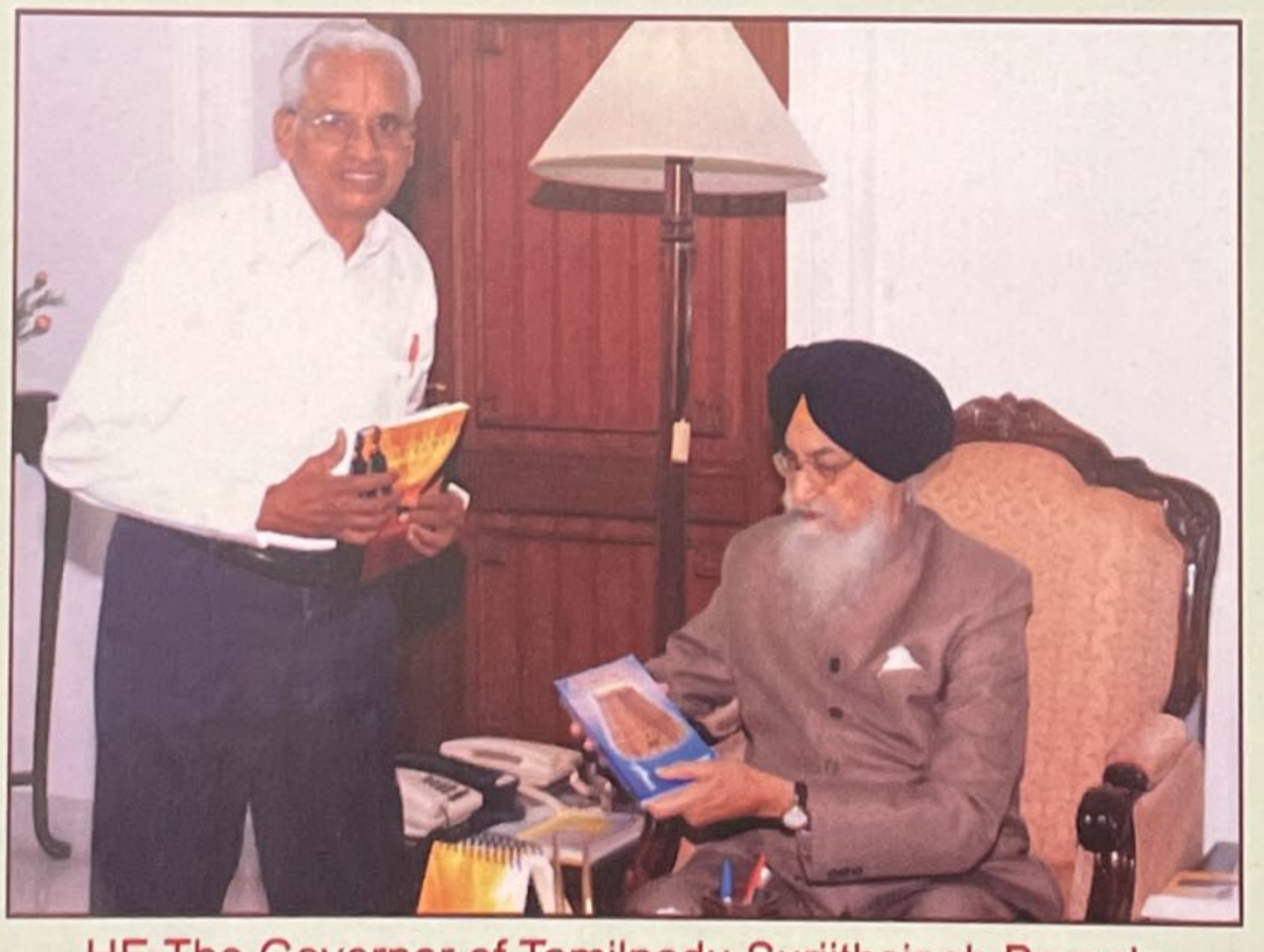
6.2 Books published in English :

Your God My God- Journey of the Quivering Heart



HE The Governor of Karnataka Sri Chaturvedi T.N.

Wills and Settlement



HE The Governor of Tamilnadu Surjithsingh Barnala

Judicial Solutions for Temple Disputes

CHAPTER 7.0

THE BIOGRAPHER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

7.1 Biographer

The Biographer is Dr. P S Srinivasan, Principal scientist(retd), Malladi Drugs and Pharmaceuticals, Chennai. He is an alumnus of IITM, Chennai. He had been in Guru Nanak college as Asst. Professor of chemistry for a decade and a Scientist in industrial R&D of Gufic, SPIC and Malladi drugs for three decades. He has worked on synthesis and process development of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) and drug intermediates. Apart from his patents and publications in medicinal chemistry, he has been associated with Ph.D. Dissertations of Anna University and Madras University. His other interests include philosophy, English literature, documentation, walking and physical exercise.

7.2 Acknowledgement

Dr P S Srinivasan, the biographer, considers the present opportunity of compiling the essential information on the life and career of a leading Sr. lawyer of the Madras High court over more than 60 years practice as valuable and significant. Only the tip of the iceberg, the efflorescent multifaceted personality, has been presented like the occasional natural rainbow that occurs when the sun's rays get diffracted by the water droplets in the atmosphere. The analogy has been chosen based on the similarity of sun's rays and Ram's personality in the interactive process. The release of the book will be an eye-opener for youngsters as well as grown-ups to get to know how to convert personality into a persona.

Thanks are due to the well-wishers for their suggestions and RNR Printers for bringing out this publication

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Presented to

Probian Dr.T.S.Ramaswamy

"Success is a lousy teacher. It seduces smart people into thinking they can't lose."

— The Road Ahead, 1995.

Dr.T.S.Ramaswamy, born on 20.06.1931 to Late P.T. Satagopachari, Advocate, Tindivanam and Late Kamalammal. He has qualified in Masters in Arts (M.A.) and Law (B.L.). Later on, he got M.A. in Vaishnavism. At the age of 72 years, he obtained Ph.D in Vaishnavism to continue his religious activities besides law.

He started his legal career in the year 1957. We feel proud to announce that he completed sixty (60) years as advocate, in this year.

He was proud to work as junior under (Late) Thiru. R. Gopalasami Iyengar and Late Thiru. K. Narayanasami Mudaliar (Former Law Minister, Former Judge, High Court of Madras).

He distinguished himself to appear as junior or independently. Some of the cases he associated himself are (1)Late Thiru. M.K.Thiagaraja Bagavathar – First client in the year 1957,(2) Late Thiru. U. Muthuramalinga Thevar as Junior [1959-1961] in Emmanuel Murder Case and civil case [land ceiling] relating to properties of Sri.Thevar.(3) many cases for Congress Party like Sathyamoorthi Bhavan Trust Case, Perunthalaivar K. Kamaraj's House case, Congress Split case, etc (4) cases for Kundrakudi Mutt, other Mutts and Temples, Pocket Arrack case, Tamil Archanai case, etc.(5) many Labour Unions and Associations such as Southern Railway Mazdoor Union, ICF Workers Union, T.V. & AIR Engineers Association and Postal Unions, Postal Unions, etc.

Dr.T.S.Ramaswamy was chosen as Government Counsel in Justice W. S. Krishnasami Naidu Commission of Enquiry when MGR was the CM for 3 years. Handled more than 300 cases.

He involved himself in extra-curricular activities in the college such as Foot Ball, cricket, Rifle shooting etc. He represented the Madras University in its Foot Ball team. As a cricketer during the period 1981-2007, AS CRICKETER (1981 – 2007), he was Founder/Secretary of TSR Cricket Club [coaching academy] in YMCA. Many boys, who got coached, played for Tamil Nadu State Team and for India [including Sriram, Badrinath and R.Ashwin].

During his career as a senior advocate, he kept himself busy in various activities in religion and arts. He has written many books in Tamil & English, both fiction and non-fiction - it is to his credit in publishing eight books. He had written and staged Tamil plays in Sabhas, AIR and T.V. He won All India short story competition conducted by Anand Vikatan in the year 1957.

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES: Delivered more than 500 lectures in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, Bengaluru, Delhi and U. S. A. including lectures on Ramayana in English, and as Honorary Advisor to 'THIRUMAL', Vaishnavite Journal.

In 2001, he convened Sri Vaishnava Yathi Sammelan [Conference of Jeeyar swamis]- brought all Acharyas and Sanyasis of Vadakalai and Thenkalai sects on the same platform, formed an organisation with a Written Constitution and served as The General Secretary of the organisation.

He gave a lecture on " Peace Amidst Inter-Religious Violence: A Hindu and Legal Perspective " at the seminar conducted by" Institute of Dialogue with Cultures and Religions " of Loyola College about "Communal Violence and Social Healing " in April,2007. He gave similar lectures in Hyderabad and other places.

He travelled through 200 villages within Tamil Nadu, for vaishnavite lectures among villagers along with [formerly known as Sri. Kumaravadi Swami] and now, Sri. EMBAR JEEYAR SWAMI, Sriperumbudur.

Founder/Secretary of Arulicheyal Arangam (அருளிச்செயல் அரங்கம்) to propagate Naalaira Divya Prabandham (நாலாயிர திவ்ய பிரபந்தம்) of Alwars and encourage young lecturers.

Three years of continuous lectures on Nammalwar's Thiruvaimozhi (நம்மாழ்வாரின் திருவாய்மொழி) during week-ends and recently on RAMANUJANOOTRANTHATHI (திருவரங்கத்தமுதனாரின் ராமானுச நூற்றந்தாதி).

"Respect, recognition, and reward flow out of performance." — Entrepreneur of the New Millennium N.R. Narayana Murthy:

He bagged many awards and prizes and some of them are listed below.

1.He won All India short story competition conducted by Anand Vikatan in the year 1957.

2.First Prize in Rifle Shooting in Inter-Collegiate NCC Competition.

3.Winner of Bar Council's K.V. Krishnaswamy Endowment Prize, 1957 for the thesis " Legal Practitioners Power to Compromise " given by Bar Council of Tamil Nadu.

4. UWA Outstanding Intellectual of the 21st Century Award – given by UGC Chairman Dr.Thorat in April, 2007, and again in the year 2016 UWA EFFULGENT STAR OF THE DECADE AWARD.

"Ās the perfect man speaks so he acts, as he acts, so the perfect man speaks. It is because he speaks as he acts as he speaks that he is called perfect"

- Buddhist Scripture

Social activities: Founder/Secretary of two social service organisations in West Mambalam and T. Nagar, [in 1958-1970] helped Destitute Women, Handicapped, and people in distress during floods and fire accidents. He established SRI SATAGOPAN CHARITABLE TRUST to help deserving students and scholars.

As President of Probus Club of Chennai he introduced Tamil plays as one of the fellowship programmes. He directed and staged one play in Tamil and one in English, motivating members to act.

We wish and pray to the Almighty, to bestow on him good health and happiness for him to continue his humanitarian service.

Probus Club of Chennai while celebrating **The International Day of The Elderly** feels proud to present the **"Probus Recognition Award-2016"** to **Probian Dr.T.S.Ramaswamy,** an epitome of service to community.

This **SCROLL OF HONOUR** is presented to him on the fourth day of October 2017.

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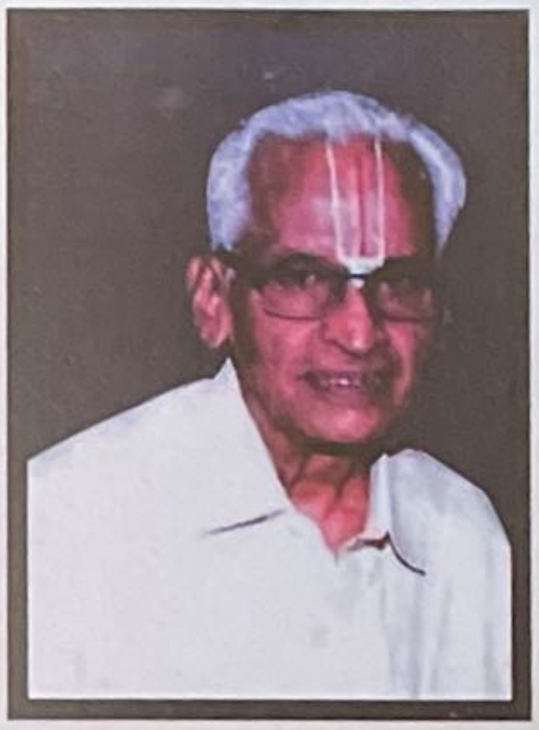

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வைஷ்ணவ சம்ரதாயத்தின் திருப்பாவை, திருமாலை போன்ற திவ்யப்
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பிரச்சாரம் செய்த பேரிஞரே.
பாசுரங்களின் தொகுப்பை ஆவிக்கோர் பற்றுக்கொம்பு என்று
அழகான பெயரைச்சூட்டி
ஆன்மிக உலகிற்கு பெருமை சேர்த்தவரே
கர்ம வீரர், காமராஜர், மூப்பனார்
போன்ற மேதைகளுக்கெல்லாம் வழக்குமன்றம்
சென்று வாதாடிய நீங்கள்தானே சத்திய மூர்த்திபவன்
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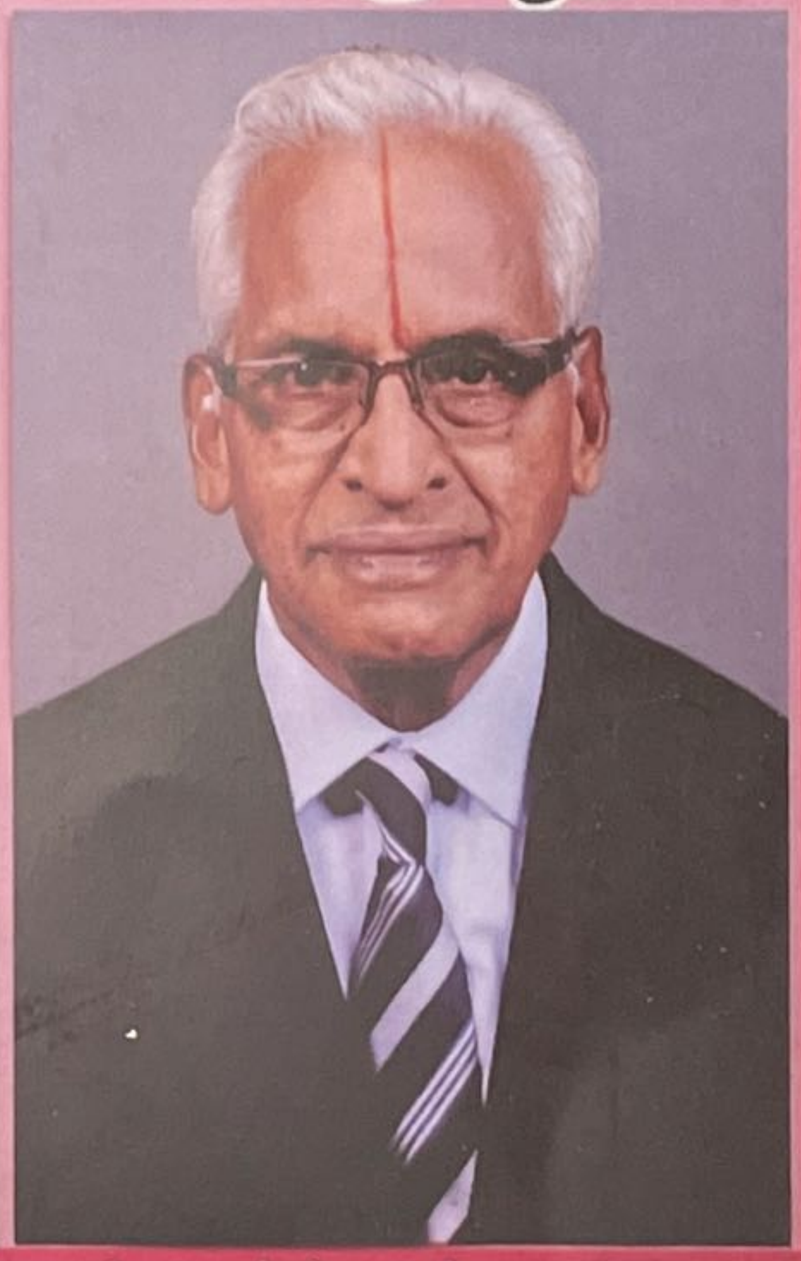

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